



# Christmas At The Cove

## Part 3 – A Perfectly Imperfect Christmas

### Discussion Guide

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This weekend we continue in our Christmas At The Cove series. We look at what to do when we have the perfect plan or idea; yet if it doesn't go the way we thought, because of Christmas, it is perfectly imperfect.

#### ***Jump Start***

*Leader: This section is designed to get discussions started, examine God's truth, and apply it to our week.*

1. What's your favorite Christmas memory?
2. *Magnify what matters; minimize what doesn't.* **Read [Luke 1:46-49](#)** What did Mary's actions show about her spiritual life? How can somebody's soul magnify the Lord? How can we change our actions and thoughts every day to glorify the Lord more?
3. **Read [1 John 4:8](#) and [2 Corinthians 5:20](#).** Why is love so emphasized in these verses? What does John say it means if someone does not love? How can you live and love as an ambassador today?
4. *Rejoice in who God is.* **Read [Luke 1:47](#) and [Colossians 1:22](#).** Why is Mary rejoicing? How does God see Jesus followers? What promises are made to us? How do you need to view your life differently this week? How can you rejoice as Mary did?
5. **Read [Luke 1:49-55](#).** What great things do you see God doing in your life? It is important that you list, recite, or in some way, memorialize and thank God for the promises He has answered and the miracles He has done, starting with your salvation!

### **Deeper**

*Leader: This section is designed for further use in your Life Group or for personal study. These can also be used as discussion points and ways to stay connected with your group throughout the week.*

This week, we look at “magnifying what matters.” When we magnify God and what He has done, we are able to shift our perspective from focusing on the imperfect to perfectly imperfect. **Read [Psalm 34](#).**

6. What “I will” statements does David make in Psalm 34?
  
7. When does David say he will praise God? What does this show us about magnifying God?
  
8. **Read [Psalm 34:2](#).** What does David mean when he uses the word “boast”? How is this different than boasting about yourself?
  
9. How can you apply the way David magnifies God in Psalm 34 in your life this week, and as we continue throughout the Christmas season?