

Christmas:

IT'S ALL GOOD

PART 1

Have you ever felt compelled to document the life of someone you knew personally? Odds are you did not. What is implied by the fact that Luke and others documented the life of Jesus?

Have you heard news you hoped was good? If so, share the story.

Have you ever wrestled with "it" being true? If so, what did the "it" represent/mean to you?

PART 2

When asked if you want the good news or the bad news first, which do you choose?

Does anything about Jesus or his teaching strike you as less than good news? If so, what? Why?

In what ways has the church made the good news not so good? In what ways have you made the good news not so good?

PART 3

Growing up, what came to mind when you heard the term "sin"?

What's your reaction to the story about Billy Graham? Did his response to his daughter match the way you were taught to respond to sinners?

What's one standard you're tempted to judge others for not upholding? Have you ever ignored or fallen short of that standard?

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PART 4

Do you know anyone who has **de-converted** from Christianity? What reason(s) did they give? Have you been tempted to give up on faith because of an encounter with someone?

Read Philippians 2:1–8.

Have you ever met a Christian whose approach to relationships reflects Paul's instructions in these verses?

Is anyone coming for Christmas who needs to see and experience the good news through you? What's one unexpected thing you could do for that person that would make your light shine a little brighter than usual?