Small Group Options for December 10 - January 6

Wow! Can you believe it's already December? We know all too well how hectic life can become during the Christmas season and that it's a hard time to coordinate schedules and make plans. We've encouraged you to take some time off to rejuvenate and recharge, but if you feel compelled to meet with your group (even once or twice) in December or January, we've put together a menu of activities you can use during your weekly meetings. Some of them might work well during your normal meeting day and time; others are activities for other days. Some of the activities are short, while others may lead into some rich conversation. We don't intend for your group to go through each activity, Instead, (if you are meeting) we want you to have a list of ideas you can pull from to put something together for your group. So here it goes!

- 1. Christmas Carol: Go Christmas caroling around your neighborhood. Be sure to give the homes you visit information on the Rock Church and the Christmas services.
- 2. Take your group shopping for Toys for Joy. Schedule a time to meet at Target or Wal-Mart and have fun playing in the toy aisle!
- 3. Gather together and practice telling the Christmas story as you would to a nonbeliever. Why is the story important to you?
- 4. Take the Christmas Story Myth Quiz found at: <u>http://www.new-life.net/chrtms01.htm</u>
- 5. Offer to do yard work or home repair for an elderly or other needy person in your community.
- 6. Have the dads baby-sit while moms go Christmas shopping!
- 7. Make gingerbread houses out of graham crackers and spend an evening decorating them together. Have everyone bring candy to share.
- 8. Volunteer to serve meals at a homeless shelter.
- 9. Show up at SDSU, UCSD, or other community college during finals week and pass out sharpened number 2 pencils and free scantron forms. Be sure to give them information about the Rock Church and services.

