



The Gift

Part 1: No One Understands Me

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Key Scriptures

When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:10-11 NLT

For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. ... Hebrews 10:10-12 NLT

So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. Hebrews 4:14-16 NLT

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's your favorite Christmas decoration to put up each year?
- If you had to bring three gifts to a baby shower, what would you bring?

Start Thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read Hebrews 10:10-12. What does it mean for Jesus to be our High Priest? How does that role influence your relationship with Him?
- What is holiness? How does knowing about God's holiness influence the way you see God, yourself, and sin?
- Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Do you view Jesus as a distant Savior or as someone who understands what you're going through? How does that affect your relationship with Him?

Start Sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Share about a time when someone understood what you were going through. How does it feel knowing Christ always understands your struggles and is with you in the middle of them?
- How might you come boldly before God this week?

Start Praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

Father, You are perfect, flawless, and pure. Thank You that, in spite of our sin, You loved us so much that You sent Jesus to die in our place. Thank You that He is able to understand every difficulty we face in this life. Help us to find mercy and grace in Him, our Great High Priest. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

- Do you feel burdened by sin or in need of mercy and grace? Then come boldly to God this week and ask Him for what you need.