

L I F E G R O U P

Main Idea: Jesus is the miraculous clothed in the ordinary, only recognized by the humble.

Reference: 1 Peter 1:10-12

In 1 Peter 1, we sense the anticipation of both history (the prophets) and of heaven. The revealing of the Son of God was long awaited. It was God's intention from the beginning. We live in the day and age in which the Savior has been revealed. This Savior was given to humanity through many signs, wonders, and miracles. But why is it that a vast majority of people have failed to recognize Him as the Son of God? We would think that if God's plan for redeeming humanity was ushered in with lots of miracles, everyone would recognize Him and follow Him. Why not? God gives grace to the humble, and therefore He has a way of continually clothing the miraculous in the ordinary (consider the virgin birth, Joseph being a carpenter, fulfilling prophecy but being born in a manger, etc.). Our prayer this Christmas season is that we would sense the anticipation of history and heaven and recognize the powerful significance of the Son of God in our lives.

1. Consider the Scripture referenced above, how does this grateful for being alive and a part of this moment in history, when God's plan of redemption has been revealed?
2. As a LifeGroup, talk about the miracles that surrounded Jesus' birth and life. Does it surprise you that most still do not recognize Him as the Son of God?
3. What are the ordinary aspects of Jesus' birth and life that are like stumbling blocks for some to believe?
4. During the Christmas season, what is it in your life that makes it difficult to recognize Jesus in the midst of it all?

Prayer points:

1. Pray that this Christmas season would be a unique season of seeing Jesus in the midst of it all.
2. Pray that we would have a fresh faith for the miraculous.

P R A Y I N G F O R T H E N A T I O N S

Mission Prayer Focus: Cameroon

Missionaries LifePointe Supports in Region: Darrell & Shaunette Hanan

Pioneer Workers Needed: 78

Number of People Groups: 292

Unreached People Groups: 17 (5.8%)

Population in Unreached: 3,512,000 (14.3%)

Specific Prayer Needs:

1. Pray for favor from the people and governing authorities and divine relational connections for the Hanan's.
2. Pray for opportunities to reach the Fulani people.