

Life Group Focus: AAF October 16-22, 2016

Rate your enthusiasm for Christmas on a scale from Ebenezer Scrooge to Buddy the Elf. How ready are you for the Christmas season?

Watch the AAF video with your group in order to learn more about Adopt-a-Family.

Consider the following passages:

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

- 1 Timothy 6:17-19

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

- 1 John 3:16-18

How can participating in Adopt-a-Family this year help you grow in your faith? How can it help your life group grow in community?

Take a few moments as a group to practice listening prayer. Ask God, "What do you want me to do?" and then journal your thoughts in the space provided:

Share your thoughts with the group.

Based on what God showed you, how will you participate in Adopt-a-Family as a Life Group this year? Make sure you discuss:

- What size of family (or how many families) is God asking your group to adopt?
- What challenges will your group need to navigate in order to participate as a group?
 Time, finances, attitudes, etc.
- How can your group share leadership as you prepare, shop and deliver gifts?

Have questions about Adopt-a-Family? Need ideas for how to move forward? Check out <u>www.centralaz.com/LGAAF</u> for more resources!