

# Royal Redeemer

## CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for Dec. 2-3, 2017:  
*Who Needs Christmas: The World Does*



**(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)**

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **Connect**
  - Share a Thanksgiving memory from this year or a previous year.
- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

*But in those days, following that distress, “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.” “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it[b] is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away..” **Mark 13:24-31***

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
  - If you had to guess, how far in time would you say we are from the end of the world?
  - How do you relate to Jesus as the One who judges at Judgment Day?
  - What do you imagine Jesus will say to you on Judgment Day?
  - What is one aspect of heaven that you welcome? What aspect do you fear?
  - In your own words, why does the world need Christmas? How might you say that to a person who doesn't know Jesus?
  - Discuss: *The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love and of generosity and of goodness. It illuminates the picture window of the soul, and we look out upon the world's busy life and become more interested in people than in things.* Charles Monson
- **Serve**
    - Who in your life is under pressure as Christmas approaches. How might you offer them relief?

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**