

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for December 15, 2024
Christmas Classics: A Charlie Brown Christmas



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with a
CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT**

- Christmas is getting close, what are you doing this year to make Christmas special?

- **GROW**

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

15 The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

16 On that day they will say to Jerusalem,

“Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.

17 The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

18 “I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. 19 At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you.

*I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor
in every land where they have suffered shame.*

Zephaniah 3:14-19

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- How does this passage anticipate the joy and hope found in the coming of Jesus Christ?
- In verse 14, Zephaniah calls God’s people to rejoice and sing. What might this joyful response signify about their relationship with God?
- Verse 15 speaks of God taking away their punishment and turning back their enemies. How does this reflect God’s character and His covenant promises?
- The phrase “The LORD your God is in your midst” (v. 17) emphasizes God’s presence. How does this assurance of God being with His people impact their sense of joy and security?
- What do you think it means that God will "rejoice over you with gladness" and "quiet you with his love" (v. 17)? How does it feel to consider that God delights in His people?
- Verse 19 describes God gathering the broken and outcast. How does this image of restoration relate to the theme of hope in Advent and Christmas?
- What connections can you draw between this passage and the message of “A Charlie Brown Christmas”, particularly its focus on discovering the true meaning of Christmas amidst

distractions?

- **SERVE** *others*

Through our Christmas Miracle Offering we are challenging one another to look at the total amount you are likely to spend on Christmas this year, and to give a percentage (10%?) of that to care for two families facing financial challenges. That means slimming down on your spending so you can give in a way that makes a huge impact in the lives of others in need. Together, we can create an unexpected miracle for others in Jesus' name at Christmas.

Donations can be made through Church Center, Envelopes in the Commons, or the offering gathered on Christmas Eve.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**