



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS SERIES

Part One: "Are You Homesick?"

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"When you are far from home, you feel like a bird without a nest."

Proverbs 27:8 (CEV)

There is a desire for home in every heart that only _____ can _____.

OUR HEARTS ARE HOMESICK

Christmas is the story of both

_____ and going _____.

- We long for _____.
- We long for _____.
- We long for _____.

HEALING FOR HOMESICK HEARTS

"Lord, you have been our home since the beginning." Psalm 90:1 (NCV)

The birth of Christ brings us _____ and _____ us inside.

1. Christ brings us into _____.

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39 (NKJV)

Homesick (Cont'd)

2. Christ brings us _____.

"It is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family." 1 Pet. 1:3 (TLB)

3. Christ brings us into _____.

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you... and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29 (NLT)

"Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6 (NLT)

Because Christ Himself is my _____,
I will never be _____ again.

FATHER GOD, Thank you for the love and healing you've given me through your Son Jesus Christ. Thank you that I never have to feel lonely or homesick again. Jesus, I open my heart to you. Join me to God's family. Fill me with fresh hope and true spiritual rest. In Christ's Name, AMEN

THIS WEEK IN SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: What are some of your best memories of home?

Scripture: Let different members share a verse from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Talk It Over: What are some other ways Christ satisfies our hearts?

Prayer: Pray for every heart to prepare room for Christ this Christmas.

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