

## Digging Deeper Questions

December 1 & 2

Question 1: Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the Holiday Season? The buying? The places to be? The people to please? Even though this season **should** only be about Christ, but we still get stressed. Read Matthew 11:30. How does this verse tie in with 1 Peter 3:16. (HINT: Jesus wants to lift our burdens to give us a “clear conscience”.) In our conversations this season, how can you your peace in Jesus instead of your anxieties?

Question 2: We all fall into the trap that says we need to do the “Right” action or expect others to do the same. Read 1 Peter 3:16 carefully and slowly. Now read verse 15. The “reason for our hope” is that Jesus fulfilled all our requirements. How can you live out your freedom in Jesus in the midst of anxious, annoyed, frustrated and hurried people?

Question 3: Holiday conversations can make us anxious particularly because we know they are important. So how do we discern God’s Will for our conversations? First, recognize it’s **God’s** Will. Read Romans 12:1, and then scan the rest of the chapter. We are living sacrifices set apart for God’s purposes. So, what would you ask in prayer? How can you keep your heart on what God is doing?

Life Application: As this Holiday Season is happening, consider waking up in the morning every day for 1 month. Take a moment to humble yourself to God. In a solitary location, pray and read some bible verses. approach God in repentance, and then recognize Jesus’ forgiveness is true. Ask for God’s direction as you GO share the GOOD NEWS in all of your “Merry Conversations”.