



December 14th
“Songs of Christmas”
I’ll Be Home For Christmas

Big Idea: Our Longing for Home is an Echo of our Longing for God.

Open it: What did you like about Christmas in your home? What did you not like?

Home- it is probably one of the most power packed words in our language. Home brings to mind for many people the best memories of their life. For others Home is a word associated with regret and pain. Good or bad, Home is where our lives are formed. It is where we come to know our identity. There is one thing about Home on which we can all agree, we all long for it.

This lesson will simply look at why we long for Home and how God is involved in this longing.

Open it: When you think of “home” does it inspire good feelings, bad feelings, or a mix?

Dig it: Read Psalm 90:1

1. Moses wrote the words saying God is my Home. Knowing his life how significant are the comments?
2. **Psalm 91:1-2,9-10.** What are the blessings of God being our “Home?”
3. **Read 14:1-3.** In the lesson this week we talked about the home arrangement for many during the time of Jesus. The “Insula” was built to accommodate multiple family members. Knowing this, how do you think the disciples heard and responded to this verse?

Reflect on it:

1. Thinking of how the first century weddings took place how does it change the way you view the wedding stories in the New Testament? What meaning does it add to the picture of the church being the “Bride of Christ?”
2. Big Idea: Our longing for home is an echo of our longing of our longing for God. How have you found that to be true?
3. What does it mean to you to come “home to Christ?” Can you think of a time when you “came home to Christ?”

Do it:

Pray for those in your group that need to come home.
Pray for those in your family that need to come home.
Pray for those in our city and beyond who need to come home.

