

# Unwrapped

## “Remaining Open”

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**John 3**<sup>16</sup> *“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.*

Mary and Joseph were perfectly willing

The shepherds were readily available

What is my response to the gift of Jesus?

### Recognizing God at Work

*(Luke 2:25-38, pg 615 in SCC Bible)*

Both Simeon and Anna remained open to God’s plan

- Open to God’s timing
- Open to recognizing His plan
- Open to being truly fulfilled
- Open to God working through them

### Questions for Myself this Christmas

Who do I believe Jesus is?

What is this gift worth to me?

How does God want to work through me?

Am I open to God’s plan?

Going Deeper...

For discussion or personal study

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“Remaining Open” – part 3 of 4

### Questions

1. What’s the longest I’ve ever waited for something I knew was coming?
2. Why does God’s timing rarely match our own?
3. Why doesn’t everyone recognize Jesus as God’s plan? What gets in the way?
4. Can someone believe in Jesus but not allow God to work through them? How often does that happen?
5. How important is it to discover what I believe about Jesus?
6. What could it look like to be open to God’s plan?

### Scripture

Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

- How is salvation through Jesus a gift instead of something we earn?
- Why do some people still try to earn it?
- What should the result of this gift be in my life?

### Application

- Am I open to God’s plan?
- If not, what continues to stand in the way and what am I going to do about it?