

*Traditions*

*When it's all about Jesus*

*December 3-4, 2011*

## *Humility*

<sup>13</sup> And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others.”

Mark 7:13 (NLT)

A spirit of Humility allows us to move through this season:

- **Remember it's not about you.**

<sup>18</sup> This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18 (NLT)

He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

John 3:30 (NLT)

- **Act righteously without demeaning others.**

<sup>19</sup> Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

Matthew 1:19 (NLT)

<sup>19</sup> Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord.

Romans 12:19 (NLT)

- **Be willing to be guided.**

<sup>20</sup> As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus. Matthew 1:20-25 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.  
Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

### **Life Group Discussion Questions**

- Everyone has some kind of traditions built around the holidays. Share some of traditions.
- Discuss the three points of humility mentioned in the message. Do you think our culture needs more or less of these?
- What is the Holy Spirit impressing upon you through this message?