



## THE BEST GIFT OF ALL

with Ricky Smith

### ▶ FOCUS VERSES

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.  
Ephesians 2:8-9

### ▶ DISCUSSION

1. **Reflecting on Ricky’s mention of the “salt gun”—the gift he didn’t even know he needed or wanted—think of a time when someone gave you a gift that seemed pointless or strange, but that actually proved to have immense value.**
  - a. What happened that made you realize the gift’s worth?
  - b. Did it change the way you saw the person who gave it to you?
  - c. Did it have any impact on your own gift-giving?
  
2. **Have you ever received a gift you thought was too nice or expensive, or didn’t think you deserved?**
  - a. Why did you consider yourself unworthy, and why do you think that person gave it to you anyway?



- 3. Of the five “love languages”—words of affirmation, quality time, physical touch, acts of service, and receiving gifts—which would you say you most commonly “speak”?**
  - a. Is it the same as the love language you like hearing or receiving from others?
  
- 4. Of all the gifts you’ve ever given someone, which one required the most work or sacrifice on your part, to whom did you give it, and what were the circumstances?**
  - a. Why did you consider that person worthy of such a precious gift?
  
  - b. Did it strengthen your relationship?
  
- 5. Reflect on Ricky’s statement that Jesus didn’t come to earth to condemn, but rather to lead. Does that change your view of how God views us, or how “worthy” He considers us of His love?**
  
  
- 6. God could’ve sent Jesus to earth with glory and fanfare, as the son of a king or other prominent figure, ensuring that everyone would know Jesus was His son. Instead He sent Jesus to us as the son of an ordinary couple of modest means who couldn’t even find a place to stay when He was born. Do you understand the significance of that decision and the message in it for the rest of us?**

