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only to kindle a conversation in almost any Christmas situation, but also to take the dialogue gradually to a deeper level. Use them in a private conversation or as a group exercise, with believers or unbelievers, with strangers or with family.

1. *What's the best thing that's happened to you since last Christmas?*
2. *What was your best Christmas ever? Why?*
3. *What's the most meaningful Christmas gift you've ever received?*
4. *What was the most appreciated Christmas gift you've ever given?*
5. *What was your favorite Christmas tradition as a child?*
6. *What is your favorite Christmas tradition now?*
7. *What do you do to try to keep Christ in Christmas?*
8. *Why do you think people started celebrating the birth of Jesus?*
9. *Do you think the birth of Jesus deserves such a nearly worldwide celebration?*
10. *Why do you think Jesus came to earth?*

Of course, remember to pray before your Christmas gatherings. Ask the Lord to grant you "divine appointments," to guide your conversations, and to open doors for the gospel. May He use you to bring glory to Christ this Christmas.

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