The Christmas Inn

The setting is in the present year, a few days before Christmas, at an inn in the mountains. A major snow storm has forced four separate parties to abandon their travel plans and take refuge at the Inn. The first party is a couple and their two children. The second party is an old man. The third party is a couple expecting their first child. The fourth party is a single mother and her son. The inn keeper is a man in his mid to late thirties. As each person/people arrive, the inn keeper is somehow able to find a private room for each of them. Initially, the families are reluctant to interact with each other, and only converse with the inn keeper. Each is dealing with their own problems: in the first group, the couple are on the brink of a divorce; the old man is dealing with being alone for the first time in his life; the third couple is dealing with the anxiety of their impending parenthood; and the single mother is dealing with a rebellious son. As the story unfolds, and the families begin to interact with each other, tension mounts as it appears they won't be getting where they wanted to go for Christmas, and they are stuck with each other and their problems. Through the help of the inn keeper, they come to realize the thing that is missing from their lives is Christ, and that while their struggles won't go away, their lives can be changed forever. In the end, a Forest Ranger shows up at the door questioning what they are doing at the Inn. When they explain how they came to be there, the Ranger explains to them that the Inn has been empty for years. When they search for the inn keeper, they discover that he is gone.

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CHARACTERS (in order of appearance)

BEN MONTGOMERY........husband to LYNN, dad to KRISTEN and RYAN; in his 30-40’s
LYNN MONTGOMERY.......wife to BEN, mom to KRISTEN and RYAN; in her 30-40’s
KRISTEN MONTGOMERY…daughter of BEN and LYNN, sister of RYAN; around 12-13
RYAN MONTGOMERY.......son of BEN and LYNN, brother of KRISTEN; around 6-8
JOSH..........................the owner of the B&B, in his mid to late 30’s
GREG WALTERS.............husband to CINDY; in his 20-30’s
CINDY WALTERS..........wife to GREG; in her 20-30’s
TRAVIS HENRY..............older man in his 50-60’s
MARGARET BRYANT...........single, mother of PAUL; in her 40’s
PAUL BRYANT..............son of MARGARET; almost 18
DUKE..............................deputy sheriff; in his 40-50’s