

Week 3 (December 4, 2016)

INTRODUCTION

In addition to all the great things we enjoy during this season, let's share in something beyond ourselves. Consider joining us as we unleash a wave of generosity in our community and around the world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the best part of the holiday season for you? What is the most difficult part?
- 2. Read Matthew 1:18-25. Do you think any part of Joseph was skeptical of God's plan?
- 3. God promised Joseph many things, but he did not promise that things wouldn't be difficult for Joseph. How do you think this time in Joseph's life was difficult for him? (*Reference Matthew 2:13-15 if needed.*)
- 4. Read Matthew 2:13-23. If you were Joseph, at which point would you be the most tempted to walk away from the whole thing?
- 5. Under what circumstances do we tend to wonder if God will keep his promises?
- 6. Is there a circumstance in your life right now where you are wondering if God will keep his promises?

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

-Matthew 1:20-21



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