



Part 1: Joseph

In a world focused on being in the spotlight and trying to be like those in the spotlight, God chose a man who lived in the background. Join us this Sunday to explore how Joseph's hidden faithfulness shaped the Christmas story, and how God might use your ordinary obedience in extraordinary ways.

Discussion Questions

1. How do you feel about the Christmas season? Does it produce too much stress to make it enjoyable? Are you able to ignore the stress and jump into the craziness of the season with a smile? Why do you feel the way you do about Christmas?
2. Read Matthew 1:18-25. What stands out to you about this portion of the Nativity story? Does Joseph's response surprise you? How would you respond? How does God speak to you?
3. Matthew repeatedly says Joseph "got up and obeyed" (Matt. 1:24; 2:14; 2:21). How do you respond when God speaks to you?
4. By Joseph 'saying yes' to the angel in verse 24, he effectively surrenders his own rights, and with it, his reputation. Why is it so hard to 'give up our rights' in society today? As Christians we are repeatedly called to live selfless lives, and lay down our lives. What can Joseph's example teach us about laying down our rights today?

Moving Forward

What 'next step' do you feel like God is calling you to? What way can we as a life group support you in taking that next step?