



INCARNATION

GO FURTHER | JANUARY 2 | BEST OF ALL, GOD IS WITH US

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What was a goal you set in 2021 that you achieved?
- What is a hope or a goal you have for 2022?

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- The Christmas story was not all rainbows and unicorns.
- Read Matthew 2:13-18
- What words or phrases stand out to you?
- How do the wise men respond to Jesus? How does Herod? What are the differences?
- God's presence is no guarantee the worst will not come.
- How have you experienced God's presence in your life when things do not go the way you wanted, when the worst comes?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Yet God's plan cannot be thwarted by human beings.
- Read Matthew 2:19-23
- What words or phrases stand out to you?
- How has Joseph responded and acted throughout these two passages?
- Joseph was a deeply faithful man, moving when God told him to move.
- What do you think Joseph did to put himself in a place to hear God's voice and act?
- Every choice we make builds the legacy we leave behind.
- How can we live today to leave a legacy of faithfulness like Joseph did?

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

Lord Jesus, we are inspired and in awe of Joseph's legacy of faithfulness. May we put practices in our lives to better hear your voice so we can respond when you tell us to go. In all our words, actions, thoughts and deeds, may we do your will in our lives and in the world. In your resurrected name we pray together, Amen.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- For more on Joseph and Mary's faithfulness, check out this 7-day devotional:
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/17663-the-coming-promise>