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MATTHEW 2:13-18

Introduction

1. The World as it is: Evil Reigns
2. Emmanuel: The Refugee King
3. Our Hope: The King is Bringing Salvation

Conclusion

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A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)

Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. This week's passage is a heavy one. As you think about the evil in the world, what is it you are grieving right now?
2. If there is something on your heart about what is not as it should be- perhaps you could pray through Psalm 13- a lament psalm. How has the language of lament been helpful to you in voicing your frustration with the world as it is?
3. We talked about how Jesus is Emmanuel- God with Us. How Jesus endured what he went through, even as a child, as an act of solidarity- identifying with humanity. How have you experienced Jesus presence in difficult seasons or experiences?
4. As you look forward to the return of Jesus, when he will make everything right, what are some specific things you are longing for?
5. We've said that disciple is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed to the mission** of Jesus. Jesus' mission ends with the whole world restored. Spend some time praying together. Take time to lament what is not as it should be, thank Jesus for his presence in pain and suffering, and then tell him how you long for his return.

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

1. Talk: To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

2. Look Back (session 2+)

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

3. Read & Re-tell

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

4. Look

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

5. Look again

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

6. Inside me

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

7. Who else?

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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