

## “Fleeing or Fulfilling?”

| (1) Getting Started  | (3) Digging Deeper   |
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| <p><b>Prayer Requests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or end of the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Getting to Know You</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This week’s sermon finished our Jesus’ Family Tree series, and we capped it off learning how God has been faithful through generations.</li> <li>How have you seen God’s faithfulness in your life? In the last week? The last year? The last 10 years?</li> </ul> | <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the route that Jesus’ family fled. What actions in the text led to their decisions?</li> <li>Read Hosea 11:1 &amp; Jeremiah 31:15. In what ways were God’s prophecies fulfilled in Jesus?</li> <li>How did God communicate with Jesus’ family to warn them of the coming danger? What other ways has God communicated with His people? How does this show His faithfulness?</li> <li>Herod’s paranoia and fear led to the murder of children in Bethlehem. How do you think believers back then and now wrestle with the question of why bad things happen in a broken world?</li> </ul> |
| (2) Read Scripture   | (4) Application  |
| <p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthew 2:12-23</li> </ul> <p>“Despite Herod, Jesus’ family escaped.<br/>Despite Herod, there will be redemption for the children killed.<br/>Despite Herod, Jesus was spared.<br/>Despite Herod, the family safely returned to Nazareth.”</p> <p><i>Look no further if you wonder where God was faithful in Matthew 2.</i></p>  | <p><b>Questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This week’s sermon described Jesus’ family as a family fleeing from danger. How can Christ followers respond in a God-honoring way toward refugees fleeing from persecution today?</li> <li>In 2026, where in your life can you begin to let go of control and begin to trust in God’s promises? As a small group, how can we come alongside you in this?</li> </ul>  |