

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Reimagine Christmas - Week 1



CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

GROW

Why are expectations so high during the holidays?

What mountaintop expectations do you experience (or have) during the Christmas season?

When have you experienced reality checks that feel like valleys during the Christmas season?

How do you respond in the face of unrealistic expectations? How do you respond when a mountaintop experience turns into a valley?

Have you ever considered that Joseph had mountaintop expectations and then valley reality checks upon learning that Mary was pregnant? Why or why not?

How could you reimagine Christmas, knowing that God is with you (Immanuel) even in the valleys?

BIBLE

Read Psalm 84, Psalm 23, and Matthew 1:18-24. What do you notice?

PRAY

Lord God, As the stress of the holidays enters our days, thank you for reminding us this advent season that you sent your son into the world so we can experience freedom, joy, and peace. Amen

