

Searching for the Savior | Matthew 1-2

This is a condensed Group Guide for you to use in case your group continues to meet during the Christmas holiday. We pray God fills you with joy as you devote yourself to following Him. Merry Christmas!

WEEK 1 | Matthew 1:1-17

1. Read through the list of names in the genealogy. Who or what jumps out? Talk about the stories from the Old Testament that come to mind as you read those names.
2. How does Jesus "tie" the loose ends of Israel? What are the loose ends in your life you're longing for Him to tie up?

WEEK 2 | Matthew 1:18-25

1. Try and read Joseph's story with fresh eyes. What do you think his dreams and plans were before the angel's message? What did Joseph have to give up to obey God?
2. Where might Jesus be calling you to reprioritize your dreams and ambitions in order to experience His salvation?

WEEK 3 | Matthew 2:1-12

1. Read Isaiah 60 together, then read Matthew 2:1-12. What do you observe?
2. What does it tell you about God that He invited pagans from Babylon to find their joy in Jesus?
3. What does it tell you about people that Israel's own king, who had full access to Scripture, rejected Jesus?