



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Real Men of Christmas: Joseph
December 4 & 7, 2025
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LEADER NOTES – New - Coach and Leader Gathering Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 8am – Noon, San Pablo campus: We're excited for you to join your discipleship ministers, fellow coaches and leaders to celebrate what God has done, and what He is going to do to us and through us this year. We will have a continental breakfast, worship, pray, be equipped during breakout sessions, and fellowship together. Doors will open at 8:00am. Childcare is provided. [Click here to register.](#)

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2025 Fall trimester: August 18 – December 8.

2026 - Spring trimester: 1/5 - 5/11 **Summer trimester:** 6/1 - 7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17 - 12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Advent Devotional 2025: Join us for a five-week devotional. Advent is more than counting down to Christmas—it's an opportunity for families to remember, celebrate and respond to the good news of Jesus. [Click here to get the devotionals.](#)

Christmas Eve at Eleven22: Experience the joy of Christmas through [these resources](#) designed to help you grow in faith, connect with others, and share the good news of Jesus this season. [Click here to see all the Christmas Eve service times.](#)

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: Last week's action step: "1. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you see God as your Abba. Then pray to Him as "Abba" every day this week. For example, "Abba, help me know You as You really are." Focus on intimacy with God and seeing Him the way Jesus revealed Him to us in the scriptures. 2. If there is anything your earthly father did that you're grateful for, call him and thank him this week." How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Sermon Text: Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; John 8:58; 10:7-9; 14:6; Romans 5; Hebrews 9:22

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. But there's no need to answer *every* question. The goal is to get your group members talking more than you.

- **Read Matthew 1:18-25. What stood out to you in this series, this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **The whole of the Bible can be summed up in these 3 words: God with us. When you hear the name *Immanuel* — *God with us*, what comes to mind? Discuss the three miracles in those three words.**
- **How was Joseph a man of great character?** (*Consider where you observed layers of character such as integrity, consistency, honesty, humility, and responsibility. In the sermon, Joseph's response to Mary's pregnancy is described as that of a "just man" who chooses quiet divorce over public shame. He accepted Jesus as his son and took responsibility for Him. He listened to God's instruction for his family and submitted to it.*)
- **Joseph's family line was full of men and women who walked out and accomplished great highs and who committed great sin and walked through great lows (Come on man, really?). How does this point to the gospel and give us hope as believers?**
- **Discuss how Joseph's betrothal to Mary is illustrative of Jesus's betrothal to "us," as His bride.** (*Joseph's/Jesus's job is to prepare a home for Mary/us. Our job as the "bride" is to keep ourselves pure - sexually and spiritually.*)
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 1:20. Where is God calling you to slow down and abide in Him this Christmas season?
- **Deepen:** Which part of Jesus's identity (Savior, Lord, Judge, Friend, God, King, Father) do you still struggle with to receive or fully trust?
- **Discover:** Joseph's obedience as a godly man cost him reputation, comfort, and normalcy, but it aligned him with God's plan. What has obedience to God cost you this year, and what eternal gains have made it worth it? (LEADERS: Encourage your groups who still have their worship journals, flip through it and reflect back on "A Field Guide for the Family of God," "Follow Me, The Discipleship Journey," "In the Arena," "Elijah: The Study of the Life of A Prophet," "Worship is War," "Stand Firm and Act Like Men" and now in "The Real Men of Christmas.")
- **Deepen:** Where is God asking you to obey Him next? (Identify one area where God has been nudging you and take one step of obedience this week. Hints & Ideas in the Action Step below!).

Action Step: Just like Joseph paused long enough to listen and discern God's direction (Matthew 1:20), set aside intentional time this week to be quiet before the Lord. Spend 10 minutes in silence with God before reading Scripture or praying every day this week.

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