



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	13-12-2020	Christmas all unwrapped - Joseph
Start Start	 □ In 60 seconds, how many songs can you list that mention angels? □ How prepared are you for Christmas? □ Have you ever stood by someone that others were judging? Why? □ Do you ever have meaningful dreams? Have you ever acted on one? □ What do you know about Joseph? 	
Discuss	Matthew 1:18-25	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
Discuss	 □ v.18-19: Mary was pledged to be married Joseph was minded to divorce Mary. Were they or weren't they married? □ v.19: If you were Joseph, how would you have reacted to Mary's explanation? □ v.20: Why would Joseph need courage? Family? Community? □ v.21: What was significant about the name Joseph was to give his step son? □ v.24: How did Joseph 'save' Mary? What would have happened to her? □ Mt.2:13-18: How did Joseph 'save' Jesus? □ v.25: What does this say about their relationship? □ What characteristics of Joseph stand out? □ How does Joseph celebrate today blended families/ step parents? 	
Go further	 □ Isaiah 7:14: Faced with a formidable enemy force, God's answer was to send a baby! What does this say about God and His Kingdom Way? □ What is the theological significance of the 'virgin birth'? 	
Reflect	 □ Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? □ Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? □ What about Joseph inspires you? How do you identify with Joseph? 	
Do Do	 □ Invite your neighbours to sing Doorstep Carols with you on 21st December, 8:00 pm. See DoorStepCarols.com □ Reach out to someone who sometimes appears overlooked at Christmas. 	
Pray	Dear God, Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for Joseph's extraordinary Thank you that he was willing to Help me to be as open to You as Joseph was. Amen.	
My questions:		

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