



It can take you by surprise ... Be where you'd least expect to find it ... Transcend logic or circumstances ... Inexplicably appear with the simplest offerings of care. The joy of simple acceptance and trust and community. At the end of a journey that began in fear, life can feel overwhelming and lonely ... What small gift can we offer to ease the loneliness?

- Open with prayer.
- If your groups is new, give everyone time to introduce themselves.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Have you ever welcomed a stranger into your home? What was that experience like?
- What's one thing you're looking forward to in the future?
- Share something new or a highlight from this past week.

REVIEW

Together, open your Bibles and read from **Matthew 2:13-18**.

- Share your favourite points from the weekend sermon. What spoke to you?
- Share a phrase or moment that you related to the most, or a question you may have from the weekend.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When did you first hear about Jesus? What was your initial response?
- What can we learn about faith and obedience from Joseph in this passage? How long would it take you to say “yes” if God ask you to move?
- In your journey with God, how are you like Joseph? Unlike him?
- In your journey with God, how are you like King Herod? Unlike him?
- Why is Herod troubled by the birth of Jesus? How does he react? Why are some people today still angered by Jesus?
- Can you sometimes identify with any of the reasons King Herod feared and hated Jesus?
- King Herod had his kingdom, what would you describe as your “kingdom”? Like Herod, why does it scare us so much to surrender control of our “kingdoms”?
- How do these verses apply to your life? What will you do about it?

PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Share what God is doing in your life and spend some time praying for each other’s prayer requests.