



Joseph: Obsessed With What God Thinks

Introduction

This Christmas we're learning to fear less. The angels began their visits to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds with the words, "Do not be afraid." God provides peace in the middle of uncertainty. He doesn't ignore your fears. He steps into them.

Pray

Don't forget that if anything significant happens, it's because God moved. Start by asking God to bless this time.

Practice Truth

1. Do you see yourself as someone who cares what other people think of you? When are you most aware of other people's thoughts about you?
2. Have you ever had to make a decision between what's easy and what's right?
3. Why do you think the angel waited until Joseph "considered all these things" before explaining the plan? What might that imply with how God works?
4. Last week we heard Dirk say, "Pleasing God often means disappointing people". When do you see that as true?
5. What's the danger of obsession over what others think of you? What's the solution?

Leader's Tip

In addition to social events outside of group time, you may want to have your group serve together.

Do Life Together

Extraordinary acts of God often start with ordinary acts of obedience. Share a time when you acted in faithfulness and God did something powerful as a result. This could be in a relationship, job, finances, how you spend your time, etc...