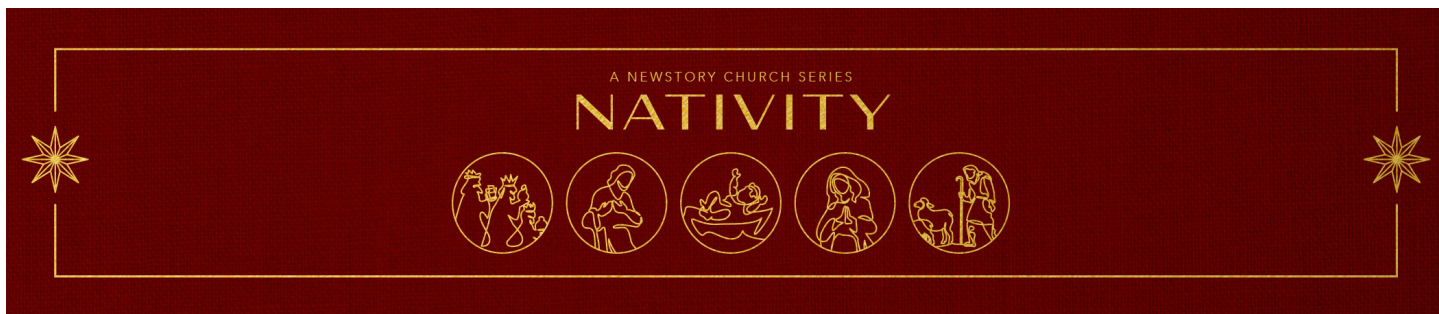




SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 2: Peace (Joseph)

Icebreaker: What do you think is the absolute earliest time to set up as well as the absolute latest time to take down Christmas decorations? Explain your case. 😊

1) Has there ever been a moment in your life when an unforeseen and/or disorienting event robbed you of peace? Please share with your group.

2) Jesus has many names including “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). Why do you suppose this is an important name for Jesus? Read the following sampling of “peace-full” passage and discuss what strikes you the most about them and why: *Isaiah 26:3; Isaiah 53:5; Psalm 29:11; Psalm 119:165; John 14:27; Romans 5:1; Romans 15:13; Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15*

3) It is so easy to glaze over common Christmas passages like Matthew 1:18-25. Why do you suppose that is the case? Read over this passage as a group and identify some of your immediate observations and thoughts. Put yourself (or maybe even one of your grown children if that is applicable) in Joseph’s shoes. What would you have done in that situation or what advice would you have given?

4) One of the questions asked this past Sunday was: “*Is it possible that ‘anxiety removal’ is not God’s number one goal for your life?*” Share your thoughts on this question, your answer, and its relation to Joseph’s situation in vv.20-23 above.

5) Complete the final point from this past Sunday’s message below:

Understanding _____
is _____ for
_____ immediately.

Discuss how you see this point applying to the life of Joseph and how it might also be applied to your life today. Where must your obedience and trust outstep your understanding during this Advent season?

***Finally, consider the following
as a Small Group!***

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