

# Small Groups

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### “A CHAOTIC CHRISTMAS” PART 1

PASTOR BLACKBURN AND PASTOR JEFF SELLERS - DECEMBER 8, 2025

#### AS THE DISCUSSION LEADER, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Choose a few questions from the guide that will generate the most discussion in your group.

#### GETTING TO KNOW ME (ICEBREAKER):

- What’s the funniest or craziest thing that has ever happened to you during the Christmas season?  
(Ex: travel chaos, gift disasters, unexpected surprises, etc.)

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Have someone read Matthew 1:18–25. What details about Joseph stand out to you that you may have overlooked before? Joseph planned to divorce Mary quietly (v. 19). What does this reveal about his character and his faith?
- Joseph’s life was moving in a normal direction until God interrupted it. Can you relate to a time when life suddenly changed—through unexpected news, loss, or disappointment? How did you feel, and how did you respond?
- The sermon mentioned Paul’s words: “Keep your head in all situations” (2 Timothy 4:5). Why is it so difficult to “keep our heads” when life feels chaotic? What practices help you stay steady?
- The sermon said God often speaks during: (1) deep trials, or (2) times of victory. When in your life have you most clearly heard God’s voice or felt His direction?
- Joseph remembered the prophecies he’d been taught (Isaiah 7:14). How does Scripture help us make sense of things that feel overwhelming or impossible?
- “Fear not” appears 365 times in Scripture. What fears surface most often for you, especially around the holidays? Which Scriptures help you push back against fear?
- Joseph kept his faith and obeyed even when he didn’t fully understand. Where is God asking you to follow without having all the answers?
- The sermon challenged us to “be a hand extended” during a chaotic season. Who in your life might need support, encouragement, or simple kindness this Christmas?

#### PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

- Brian & Heather Nelsen – *India*
- Steve & Kim Sobey (Caleb, Andre, Sophia, and Emma) – *El Salvador*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** – Publix Lake Gibson and Publix Highland City. If you want to help, sign up at the Salvation Army table in the lobby.
- **Wednesday, December 24, 6 PM – Christmas Eve Service** at the North Campus.