

## (UN)EXPECTED | WEEK 3

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Verses: Matthew 1



### SERIES INSIGHT

This Christmas season, we are taking a unique approach to the Christmas story to explore some *unexpected* details in the preparation, arrival, and life of Jesus. Too often we want to live in a predictable world. Doing so, we often miss some of the awe and wonder of the Christmas story.

### ICEBREAKER

- What is the coolest gift you ever gave someone?
- Does your family have any unique or bizarre traditions?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. Review the Christmas story we covered this week. What sticks out to you about this story (consider highlighting something that was familiar vs unexpected)?
3. What part of this week's message might be considered hard or challenging for you to wrestle with? How might it be an unexpected invitation to trust God to work with you on that this week?
4. Share about a time when you saw the goodness of God in your life that was unexpected? How did that impact you? How did you praise him for that blessing?
5. How might you apply this week's message in your life this week? In what area(s) or way(s)?

### PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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