



FROM THE BIBLE
Matthew 1:19-23 (NLT)
Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

All I Want For Christmas | *...is a little less disappointment*

1. We started out this msg with a few fun Christmas polls like, *real tree or fake tree* and *color lights or white lights*. What was your answers for those 2 Christmas polls?
2. This message was called *All I Want For Christmas...is a little less disappointment*. What's 1 gift you always asked for as a kid and never received and it led to some disappointment?
3. In this message, Joel said that we have this idea of The Original Christmas Story that it was perfect and magical like a Hallmark Christmas movie. What are some elements of the Christmas story that go against this picture perfect Christmas?
4. Joseph can be overshadowed in the Christmas story but he plays an important role. Joseph also had moments of disappointment in the Christmas story. Read Matthew 1:19 and talk about Joseph's disappointments.
5. Around the Christmas season, we can face our own disappointments. Our relationships, friendships, finances, may not be in a good place. Perhaps we're missing a lost loved one. Do you face disappointments at Christmas and how to you try and navigate that?
6. Joel talked about a significant snow storm from years ago and how his brothers house was a refuge in that storm. How can God be our refuge in our storms and disappointments?
7. Read Matthew 1:20-21. How did God show up to Joseph when disappointment showed up in Joseph's life? How can this event be our refuge even in our disappointments?
8. Read Isaiah 53:6. What do you recall from this message about our Biblical nickname as sheep? How does Isaiah 53:6 tie in the Christmas story to our lives?
9. Jesus also had a nickname. Read Matthew 1:23 and share what Jesus' nickname is, what it means, and why that matters in our disappointments.
10. What was your biggest takeaway from this discussion or message?



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