



Facing Christmas, Week 1, *Surrendered Control*

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read the following scripture passages:

- Matthew 2:1-18 - Romans 5:6-8
- 1. Describe King Herod’s response to learning about the birth of the King of the Jews. (Matthew 2:1-9)
- 2. How do the wise men, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus stay safe from King Herod? (Matthew 2: 11-17)

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. In what ways is it easy for you to connect with the words “king” and “kingdom” when it comes to the leadership and mission of God through Jesus? In what ways is it difficult?
4. There are three statements in this message that describe rebellion against Christ’s lordship:
 - Christ offends our self-righteousness.
 - Christ threatens our self-sufficiency.
 - Christ undermines our self-exaltation.
- Identify some of these indicators of rebellion in our culture.
- Identify some of these indicators of rebellion in Christians.
- Identify some of these indicators of rebellion in you.
5. How do we combat rebellion against the lordship of Christ?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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