



MERRY & BRIGHT WEEK 3

QUESTIONS

1. Story time! Share your favorite upgrade experience with the rest of your group.
2. What illustration, scripture or story was especially impactful?
3. Pastor John reminds us that the first Christmas occurred under dark and challenging circumstances for Joseph and Mary. When have you struggled with challenges in past or present Christmas seasons?
4. How does focusing on the goodness of God’s character change your perspective on your circumstances, even when your circumstances are less than ideal?
5. In Matthew 2:22b, Joseph was afraid to return to Israel, even though he was directed by an angel to do so. But he believed and followed God’s direction. Where in your life do you need courage to follow God’s direction?
6. Skim through Hebrews 11. Who stands out to you as a person of faith?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Luke 1:39-40, Luke 1:46-47, Matthew 2:10-16, Luke 1:68-69, Matthew 2:22, Hebrews 11:10, Hebrews 11:26-27, Hebrews 11:35, Hebrews 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:14

TAKEAWAYS

- Experience the joy of Christmas by worshipping Jesus as King.
- Worship Jesus as the King whose unending Kingdom will resolve your temporary pain.
- When we worship Jesus for Who he is, we unlock Heaven’s joy to invade our hearts.
- God always provides His worshippers with the joy and strength necessary to play our part in His story.
- We sample the joy of Christmas in our best moments, but the real power of Christmas is its ability to carry us safely into a better future.
- Fix your gaze on Jesus as King, even in your suffering.
- How can you worship Jesus as King?
 - Believe His promises
 - Align your schedule
 - Open your treasure chest

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Invite someone who isn’t currently experiencing the joy of Christmas to a Christmas Eve service this week. Text “invite” to 317.350.1996 to receive a digital Christmas invitation you send to others.