



Discussion Guide for “A Dream of Family”

Christmas is for Dreamers Week 4

Holidays bring a lot of family stress. If anyone can relate, it's Joseph. Matthew tells us how God challenged Joseph to imagine a bigger definition of family than he was comfortable with - and how that changed the world forever. How can we find family where we may have least expected it?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Isaiah 7:10-16](#)

[Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19](#)

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

[Romans 1:1-7](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Is your family a source of stress as you approach Christmas? What does that look like?
2. Reread Matthew 1:18-25. What was at stake for Joseph when he learned about Mary's pregnancy? What shape did his stress take?
3. What was the significance of the angel instructing Joseph to name Jesus? How did this challenge Joseph's idea of family?
4. How can you be open to a bigger idea of family in this week we arrive at Christmas?