



Discussion Guide for “Reflection”

Christmas is for Dreamers Week 5

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 63:7-9](#)

[Psalm 148](#)

[Matthew 2:13-23](#)

[Hebrews 2:10-18](#)

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 [Isaiah 63:7-19](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Has the last year been overall good or bad for you? What sticks out?
2. Why do you think we take chances like this to reflect? What's the value in reflection?
3. Reread Isaiah 63:7-9. What were God's people reflecting on? How was God promising them hope?
4. Ashley said that God imagines new possibilities for us, and then is present with us to make those possibilities a reality. How have you seen that pattern in your life?
5. What are you anticipating in the new year? How can you seek out God's presence as you hope?