



Sermon Discussion Guide  
*Choose Christmas: Choose Love*  
Sunday, December 12, 2021  
Based on Pastor Jason's Message

## Introduction

We're continuing a series of messages called *Choose Christmas*. Here, we're seeing how the people in the original Christmas story made intentional choices that brought them closer to Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah.

*Our main idea today: Through Jesus, we can choose to love people selflessly.*

To watch this week's sermon before your group discussion, go to [www.journeyoffaith.com/messages](http://www.journeyoffaith.com/messages)

## Share Your Story

1. Who's someone in your life that sticks out as a great model of God's heart?

## Hear God's Story

2. Read Matthew 1:18-25.
  - a. What can we learn about Joseph here?
  - b. Why didn't he want to disgrace Mary publicly?
3. The first challenge from Joseph's example is to realize that God's desires are more fulfilling than our own. Take a moment in quiet reflection to identify one unmet personal desire you can surrender to God. Then when ready, share that with the group.
4. The second challenge from Joseph's example is to let our obedience to God benefit people we love. What's one or two examples of how you can show an act of sacrificial love to someone in your life this next week?
5. Now, read Matthew 2 straight through.
  - a. What other insights about Joseph and his example can we get from this?
  - b. Taking into consideration what we read about Joseph from Matthew 1:18-2:23, what challenges you the most about this?
  - c. What's one thing in your devotional life that you're going to focus on this week so you can begin to internalize this message at your heart level?

## Pray

6. Spend a few minutes in prayer as a group praying for what we've discussed, being sure to give God praise in addition to bringing your requests to Him.

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