



## Group Discussion and Application

1. In addition to the qualities mentioned in the message, what else do we know about Joseph?
2. What most impresses you about the life of Joseph?
3. Tell about a time when your faith overrode your own plans, ideas, desires, or fears.
4. Joseph was a man who was sensitive to God's direction. How do we discern God's leading in our lives today?
5. How is a believer's faith deepened?
6. Explain the relationship between faith and obedience.
7. In practical terms, what does it mean to be selfless? How can this quality be developed?
8. What sacrifices have you seen believers make for Christ?
9. What applications do you see from Joseph's life to our own lives?



## Personal Reflection and Response

1. In godly, obedient, selfless faith, Joseph welcomed Christ. Have you received the Christ of Christmas by faith?
2. Which of the qualities displayed in Joseph's life would you most like to develop in your own life?
3. What specific action will you take to develop this quality in your own life?



## Family Homework

1. Read the Christmas story (Matt 1:18-2:23; Luke 2:1-20) together as a family.
2. List all of the characters in these accounts.
3. Have each family member select a character from the story and share a lesson we can learn from that character.



# A Portrait of Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-23

*What kind of man was Joseph of Nazareth?*

**1** Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_.

**2** Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_.

**3** Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_.

**4** Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_.