



### **PART 3: WHY DOES GOD CHANGE OUR PLANS?**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Christmas is a time to remember. We love to remember our stories from times past. The purpose and power of Christmas is remembering that we are part of a bigger story. We are prone to forget, yet our faith is strengthened when we remember.

#### **KEY SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 81:13  
Psalm 14:12

Jeremiah 29:11  
Proverbs 3:5-6

Luke 1:46-47  
Luke 2:33

Luke 2:20  
Matthew 2:11

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Have you ever had a time in your life where nothing went according to plan? Pastor Will talked about how in the Christmas story, everybody's plans were changed. Have you ever thought about this element of the Christmas story before?
2. Read Psalm 81:13 and Psalm 14:12. When has God changed your plans to get your attention? How did He get your attention? (i.e. through wise counsel, scripture, slowing you down, etc.)
3. Pastor Will said that "*the larger the disruption the more important the change.*" In seasons where our plans are disrupted, we can become incredibly frustrated and we miss what God is trying to show us. How can we see these as opportunities to find hope and healing instead of frustration?
4. Read Jeremiah 29:11. Sometimes, God changes our plans simply because His plan for us is better! When has this been true in your life? Looking back, what do you wish you were able to see more clearly in that season?
5. God changes your plans to get you to trust Him. What do you need to trust Him with this Christmas season? Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and begin to apply this scripture to your prayers this week, challenge yourself to memorize this scripture as well.

#### **MOVING FORWARD**

Application Prayer: Father God, I surrender my plans to You today. I give You my attention, and I trust You have a better plan. I put my confidence in You.