



PART 1: CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

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

Matthew 1:1

Genesis 12:2-3

Isaiah 9:7

Matthew 1:18-25

Jeremiah 23:5

Romans 4:7-8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of your favorite memories from past Christmases?
2. Read Matthew 1:1. The first thing Matthew remembers is the connection between Jesus and David and Abraham. Why would this connection be a significant thing to remember for Matthew's audience and for us?
3. Read Matthew 1:18-23. What is Joseph afraid of? What is God trying to get Joseph to remember about his promises from the past? (see Isaiah 7:14)
4. What are you most afraid of right now? What promises has God given that address your fear?
5. How can you put the promises of God into action in your life today?
6. What is the next step God is urging you to take right now in your faith journey?

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Jesus, I put my confidence in you as I take this next step in my faith journey with you. Thank you for helping me to remember your promise!