**Missing Christmas: Joseph**  
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We can easily miss Christmas because of what is going on in our hearts.

God is not concerned about reputation, but Joseph is.   
*Matthew 1:18-19*

Joseph’s plan had totally changed and he was disappointed.   
*Matthew 1:20-23*

But, Joseph didn’t stay in his disappointment, he embraced a new plan.   
*Matthew 1:24-25*

Choosing joy in the midst of disappointment helps us to live life better.

God may have an even better plan for Christmas that we could miss!

1) What was something that really stood out to you in this sermon, something you disagreed with, or something that you are confused about?

2) Read Acts 16, breaking it down into different sections and each person reading in a different translation.

Is there anything that you would like to discuss that you saw in this chapter?

Why did God change their plans so many times?

Have you ever felt like God changed a plan for you, and then later realized why?

How have you heard the story of Paul and Silas told before?

Have you experienced a moment like that where you were able to be joyful in a hard time?

3) What are some ideas you have for Christmas to choose joy and finish well?

4) Take time to pray with one another.