



Welcome + Opening Prayer

THEMATIC OVERVIEW

*King Jesus' invitation—
"Can you trust me?"*

Matthew 2:13-23

See passage printed on the back of this page.

Explore + Apply

1. What is something you want to remember from worship this week?
2. What is something you want to do (or do differently) because of worship this week?
3. How does your heart respond when the control and "sovereignty"— that you are accustomed to having over your own life— is threatened? How do your expectations of God shape your trust in him?

Pray

- *"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"* (John 1:46) Take a moment to reflect on how Jesus choose to be known as "of Nazareth"— a nowhere-ville, an overlooked place, an unexpected place. Could God come from places I don't expect in my own life? Could the reason I don't trust God be because of my expectations for him? What can I discover by sitting with the invitation King Jesus weaves throughout the gospel of Matthew: "Can you trust me"? Pray and listen.
- Imagine West Seattle, greater Seattle, our country, and the world shaped by a trusting posture toward Christ and his merciful Kingship. Pray: God's Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Home Groups are a vital part of shared life and growth in Christ. Here, we build community, deepen relationships, and discover and live the Christian life together.

PRAYER GUIDELINES

*In prayer, we ask God to
transform us and the world
with His grace.*

GROUP SCHEDULE - SPRING

Next Meeting: week of Mar 8

LENT

*Ash Wednesday @ the Loft:
Drop in from 8-9a; 5:30-7p*

Matthew 2:13-23

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.