

## **“Noel”**

### **Bible Readings:**

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Matthew 1:18-25

- Re-Read the Scripture for this week.
  
- What is the scariest things you’ve had to do?
  
- JD said that every living person thinks they are an expert on God. Even when they have never read the Bible. We think we know what God is doing, what He is thinking, what He is feeling.
  - How do you feel about God, and are you an expert?
  - How do we combat that feeling of “expertness”?
  
- Most people put limitations on God at some time... feeding 5000 people... walking on water... raising the dead... we at some point cannot believe He could do that... or we don’t think that it could have happened “that way”.
  - What limitations do you put on God in your beliefs?
  - Is there a way for us to stop doing this?
  
- JD stated that the conversion of believers is like a virgin birth, that all of us that are truly followers of Christ know that the virgin birth is not just a story, but it is what happens in all of us.
  - Spend some time. Sharing your own testimony, if you’re comfortable sharing.
  
- Joseph’s story is a story of a life upset... like an apple cart. It scared him, upset him, and it embarrassed him. Yet God brought it into his life.
  - How is God’s plans fitting into your life?
  - Is it fitting neatly? Be careful...
  - Is it upsetting? Be ready...
  - Pray that God would work with you and get you through it.
  
- How excited do you think Joseph was about it all?
  
- JD told the stories of 2 common Russian men who changed the course of history. He told us about Isaiah and his prophecy of the messiah. God can change our future...
  - Will you let Him?
  - Do you realize Jesus didn’t need to be born more than you needed Him to be born?
  - Don’t forget to give thanks this week and every week for the birth of Jesus.