



**Message Outline**  
*Christmas Conversations*  
**Matthew 1-2**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**



**Intro:** This year’s Advent series, conversations around Christmas texts...

- Today, Joseph and the Wise Men...

**Read:** Matthew 1-2

1) *Is anyone in your group into ancestry? Share an interesting family origin story connected to your family genealogy.* \_\_\_\_\_

2) *Speed Round: Any names on that list you’ve heard before? Who where they and what did they do?(1:1-17)* \_\_\_\_\_

3) *Class Review: What are some overlapping details between Mary’s experience with the angel last week and Joseph’s this week?(1:18-21, Lk.2:26-38)* \_\_\_\_\_

4) *Pick an Essay: What is the most over the top birth announcement you’ve ever seen for a kid? Why do you think God chose a star to signal His Son’s birth? OR Think of someone who is difficult to be around. What makes them hard to be around? (2:1-3)* \_\_\_\_\_

5) *What’s a gift you have been super excited to give? Why do you think the wise men gave these gifts? (2:11)* \_\_\_\_\_

6) *What characteristics/choices impresses you most about Joseph—the man God chose to be the adoptive father of His Son?* \_\_\_\_\_

**Leader:** “I am the **true** vine, and my Father is the gardener. (15:1)

**Congregation:** “*When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of **truth** who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. (15:26)*

**Leader:** But when he, the Spirit of **truth**, comes, he will guide you into all the **truth**. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. (16:13)

**Congregation:** *Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only **true** God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (17:3)*

**Leader:** Sanctify them by the **truth**; your word is **truth**. (17:17)