



“Today we light the second candle of Advent, the Faith candle. Biblical Generosity is rooted in the faithfulness of God. He never fails. When we take time to appreciate how faithful He is we can be open-handed with the things of this world. Truthfully, thankfulness for God’s faithfulness leads to one’s heart becoming selflessly generous. Join us this week as we explore all that we have to be thankful for from our faithful Father.”

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

Thankfulness Activity- how has God blessed you this week?

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 4:33

“And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.”

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 1:20

“But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 2:13

“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.”

Matthew 2:20

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.”

Matthew 2:22-23

“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.”

1 Thessalonians 5:14-22

“14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. 15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do we know about Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus?
2. What makes his story so significant? What does he model for us?
3. How have you seen God be faithful in the scriptures?
4. How have you seen God be faithful in your own life?
5. Generosity is fruit that tends to come from gratitude for the generosity of God. It is an overflow from His generosity. Do you agree with this statement?
6. In light of generosity being fruit and not a discipline how do we cultivate this fruit in our lives?

CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.