

Here I Am: The Unsung Hero

Small Group Discussion Guide—12/9/2018

This week we talked about Joseph being an Unsung Hero in the Christmas story. Who are some other Unsung Heroes you can think of? Either in your own life, or in a fictional world – who doesn't get enough credit for the role that they play?

Read Matthew 1:18-25

- As you read, listen as though this is the first time you are hearing the story. Are there any details that stand out to you?
- Read the passage again, this time listen through the eyes of Joseph. What would you be feeling? What questions would you have? What else are you thinking about?
- What would social expectations have been for how Joseph should have handled the situation?
- In fact, many might have said it was the “religious” obligation for Joseph to divorce Mary. Yet Joseph did what God actually wanted him to do, instead. Has God ever asked something of you that didn't make sense to your social customs? Give a specific example, if you can, and include how the situation turned out.

Let's look at some other Bible figures who said yes to God, acknowledging that they are part of God's story, not their own story.

- Read Daniel 6:4-16, 19-22
- Read 1 Kings 17:10-14
- Read Acts 4:17-22
- Are there other Bible stories you can think of where someone said yes to God when it didn't make sense? In each of the passages above, people took great faith to trust in God over what they could see with their own eyes.
- What was the end result of each story above – how did God respond when people said “yes” to him, acknowledging that they are in it for God?
- Does seeing God's trustworthiness throughout history impact your view of Him today?
- Is there anything today that God is asking of you, even if it may not make sense to society?

Challenge: What if we all wake up each day this week asking ourselves the question “Who am I in this for?”

Pray as a group, that God would multiply our faith, allowing us to trust in Him, thanking Him for the privilege of being a part of His story, and asking that He helps us to say yes to Him no matter what.