

ALL IN THE FAMILY: “No Thanks, Not Interested”

Small Group Discussion

Matthew 2:13-23

1. What kind of thoughts and feelings come to your mind when you think about the Christmas story?
2. If you can, try to remember the first time you heard the Christmas story. Do you remember your reaction? Why do you think that it's so easy to overlook how crazy the Christmas story actually is?

3. Pretend that you've never heard of Jesus. If you had to make up a story about how God arrives physically to earth, how might it go? After a few have shared, read and reflect on Philippians 2:6-8.

**JESUS CAME FOR A
WORLD THAT DIDN'T
WANT HIM.**

4. Herod was a brutal king who hated the thought of anyone sitting on his throne. To him, the arrival of Jesus began a battle for the throne. In a metaphorical sense, there are thrones in each area of our lives (marriage, finance, time, business, etc.) and if we're honest, there are probably several battles going on in each of us. As you're comfortable, share an area of your life where you struggle keeping Jesus on the throne.
5. How can we be intentional about keeping Jesus on the throne in every area of our lives?