

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for January 1, 2023:  
*We Need a Little Christmas: Change*



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with  
CGS Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- Tell one or two things you are thankful for this past year. What do you hope for in 2023?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

21 So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, 23 and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

### **Matthew 2:19-23**

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- Talk about a time when you saw someone suffer consequences because he or she made a big decision without some crucial piece of information? What did you learn from watching that person?
- Who can you seek advice from when you have a big decision to make and need the benefit of someone else’s wisdom?
- Read Proverbs 28:26. Do you agree that trusting in yourself is foolish? Why or why not?
- What keeps you from seeking advice from others? Do you think you already know? Do you not want to hear what he or she has to say? Are you afraid to be honest with yourself or others? Do you not know who to ask? What can you do to overcome that obstacle?
- What change of season are you currently facing? Who do you know that has experienced what you’re about to experience? What can you do to benefit from that person’s wisdom? How can this group help?

- **SERVE** *others*

This month our second offering is going to be given to the Faith Alliance of West Chester, an interfaith organization committed to alleviating local poverty, and demonstrating Christian love. To find out more information and make a donation, go to <https://thefaithalliance.com>

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**