

# SO WHAT? now WHAT!

**“Run with it. You never know what will happen.”**

## **MAIN POINT**

The PLAN is all we've got to run with, the road to run on is usually bumpy, but if we stick to the PLAN God is going to use it no matter what.

## **READ MATTHEW 2:13-23**

### **KEY POINTS:**

- Jesus is the true Israel come out of Egypt to witness to the world
- When Israel was faithless to God, Jesus was faithful, and is faithful for us too
- We are called to run with the good news like Mary and Joseph did
- Running with the Plan means we will run into problems, but we've got to roll with it
- When we run with the Plan, God is there step by step and will use our obedience

# COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## **CONNECT:**

What were some highlights from Christmas or New Years?

Share a time, or trip, or vacation, or project where multiple things kept going wrong and you just had to keep rolling with the punches. What was the outcome?

## **ENGAGE:**

What does it mean to you or signify that Jesus is the true Israel come out of Egypt?

What picture do you think God is trying to paint for us, starting from Gabriel's message to Mary, all the way to their return to Nazareth.

A lot of what happens in chapter 1 and 2 is to fulfill prophecy. Most if the fulfillments inflict hardship on others (travel to Bethlehem, Herod murdering the children, escape to Egypt etc) What do you make of those experience as part of the bigger story of God rescuing the world?

## **APPLY:**

Do you feel like you've been following a plan or trajectory in life so far (career, family, God)?

How has following your current plan brought significance or meaning to you? How has it helped others in some way? Has it been enough for you?

How is God's Plan currently incorporated into your life, or are there other ways for you to do it?