

Thornbury Baptist Church
Matthew Teaching Series

Small Group Discussion Questions

Talk Date: September 22nd 2024

Talk title: 'Return Trip to Egypt'*

Passage: Matthew 2:13-23

Speaker: Katie Fry

Discussion Questions

- Katie pointed out that this passage is seldom read or featured in a Nativity Service. What is lost from the Christmas message by editing out this passage?
- Today we see and hear many stories of people coming to the UK as refugees, many to escape persecution in their own countries. (a) How does the fact that Joseph, Mary and Jesus found sanctuary as refugees in Egypt affect the way we view refugees coming to our own shores? (b) And how do modern day refugees 'flesh out' our understanding of Joseph's situation? (c) In God's Kingdom how would Hebrews 13:1,2 work its way out in a policy for refugees?
- Katie spoke about Jesus as a 'saviour who suffers with us'. In our Western world we react against suffering as an unwelcome intrusion into our lives. How do we hold together the reality of suffering with the presence of Jesus? Does 1 Corinthians 12:1-10 have anything to say here? What other Bible passages or characters come to mind?
- Katie's third point was that 'suffering does not have the last word' (referencing Isaiah 9:6-7; John 1:5). How would you use this truth to help a friend who is experiencing pain, confusion or loss?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

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