



### 12/05/2021 "A Christmas Story"

1. Christmas is often a time to dream for stuff. What did you dream for as a child?
2. Have you ever had a dream fulfilled that didn't live up to the hype or hope?
3. Read Matthew 1:18-25. What do you think might have been going through Joseph's mind after his dream?
4. Joseph likely had one set of dreams for his family. How do you think the dream God gave him differed?
5. Do you think God's dream for you would be easier, harder or just different? Why?
6. Read John 15:5-17. How does this passage relate to the dreams or desires in your heart?
7. When you consider your dreams (hopes or desires), why does Jesus in John 15 consider "remaining" in God so important?
8. What have you found to be helpful when trying to discern whether your dream is a self-directed or God-directed?
9. Identify one or two principles in John 15:5-17 that could help you determine which dreams are self- vs God-directed. What are they and how do they help?
10. Is there a dream you are holding on to right now that you need to see through the lens of this week's message and John 15:5-17?
11. What are your hopes and dreams for 2022?
12. How might your dreams change if you surrendered them to God's principles?
13. "It's only a dream until you write it down". Take a moment to write down your dream. Offer that dream to God, asking him to bring about his best plan for you in 2022.