

RECAP

As you reflect on this past week, what are some examples of 'joys' you've experienced by embracing the difficult call of following Jesus?

What exactly made it difficult? How did your joy transcend the difficulty?

IDEA 1

Reason and Revelation - both very important, but mostly we value reason over revelation. We value what we can see and understand and rationalize because it's difficult to live in the mystery of revelation...The kingdom mindset prioritizes revelation over reason

What's the reason (pun) we in particular value reason over revelation, either individually or corporately?

Why do you think God more often than not invites us to act out of revelation rather than reason?

IDEA 2

Brian showed us that it was Joseph's posture of trust allowed him to walk in light of revelation: *None of this made sense, you can't lead with reason in this situation, but Joseph embraced revelation and allowed reason to obediently follow. This begins a pattern of trust in the revelation of God that leads to obedience*

Read Matthew 1:18-25

How would you have responded if you were Joseph in this story?

In what ways does our relationship with God grow if we obey his revelation in the absence of reason?

What are some ways you believe Jesus is inviting you to move solely on revelation?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Together as a group read the quote Brian read from "After Annunciation" by Madeline L'Engle :

This is irrational season, when love blooms bright and wild. Had Mary been filled with reason, there'd have been no room for the child.

As a group discuss and share your answers to these questions:

What is L'Engle saying about reason for this particular moment?

What are some of the ways reason, has prevented you from experiencing God on a deeper level?

What are some of the ways you as a House Church can prioritize revelation over reason?

APPLICATION

This week spend some time in prayer to listen and hear to what the Holy Spirit is saying. Write down some of the ways the Spirit may be nudging you to act:

Either in serving, connecting with someone you haven't in a while, giving something away, spending time with loved ones, or praying for someone else.

If you were moved to act upon what the Spirit prompted you to, share your experience next week with your House Church.