### Silent Contributor | True Story - Episode 3 | Pastor Rob

### Discussion Guide - 12/8/24

### # Summary

Pastor Rob's message focused on being a 'quiet contributor' in the story of Christmas, using Joseph, Jesus' earthly father, as an example. Joseph's, though not talked about a whole lot, was crucial in providing for and protecting Jesus, he demonstrated humility, obedience, and trust in God's plan. Pastor Rob encouraged us to emulate Joseph's quiet yet impactful contribution by serving others, inviting people to church, and supporting missions like 'My Gift for Jesus' to make a difference in the lives of others.

# # Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for gathering us here today. As we reflect on the idea of being quiet contributors, open our hearts to understand how we can serve You and others selflessly. Help us to be receptive to Your guidance and to act with humility and love, just as Joseph did. Amen.

#### # Ice Breaker

What is your favorite Christmas tradition and why?

## # Key Verses

- 1. Matthew 1:18-25
- 2. Luke 2:22-24
- 3. Isaiah 9:6-7
- 4. Malachi 3:10

### # Questions

- 1. What stood out to you about Joseph's role in the Christmas story?
- 2. How can we apply Joseph's humility and obedience in our own lives?
- 3. Why do you think God chose to use Joseph in such a significant way?
- 4. What are some ways we can be 'quiet contributors' in our community?
- 5. How does the concept of serving without seeking recognition challenge you?
- 6. What are some practical steps you can take to invite others to church this Christmas?
- 7. How can supporting missions like 'My Gift for Jesus' impact your spiritual growth?
- 8. What does it mean to you to trust God in difficult or confusing situations?

### # Life Application

This week, identify one way you can serve someone in your church or community without seeking recognition. Whether it's through volunteering, helping a neighbor, or supporting a mission, let your actions reflect the humility and love of Christ.

### # Key Takeaways

- 1. Joseph's quiet obedience and trust in God played a crucial role in the Christmas story.
- 2. Being a 'quiet contributor' means serving others without seeking recognition.
- 3. God uses ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary purposes.
- 4. Inviting others to church and supporting missions can have a significant impact.
- 5. True humility involves putting God's plans above our own desires for recognition.