THE WONDER OF TAKEN

WEEKLY TOPICS FOR SMALL GROUPS AND SERMON PLANNING

WEEK ONE:

- ***** The Wonder in the Journey: Joseph's Story
- ***** Matthew 1:18-25
- Key points: faith and obedience in uncertainties, his physical and spiritual journey to Bethlehem, and how we can maintain the wonder within our own journeys when we trust in God's plan.

WEEK TWO:

- * The Wonder in Anticipation: Mary's story
- ***** Luke 1:26-38
- Key points: Mary's response to Gabriel's declaration, the hope and faith she held in God's ultimate promises, and how anticipation can build our own faith and prepare us for what God has in store.

WEEK THREE:

- ***** The Wonder of the Arrival: Shepherds.
- ***** Luke 2:8-20
- * Key points: The unlikely messengers, the shepherds's awe and joy in the angel's proclamation, our role in the proclamation.

WEEK FOUR:

- ★ The Wonder of the Revelation: The Magi
- ***** Matthew 2:1-12
- * Key points: the journey and the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the revelation to the Gentiles and all welcomed into the greater story, the revelation to us all in new and wondrous ways.