## Foster City Campus – October 8, 2017



- 1. Reread the passage
- 2. What are some things you notice about Joseph in this passage? What about his character strikes you?
- 3. There are three OT quotes. Briefly read each one (v15, v18, v23). What is the connection Matthew is trying to make with each one?
- 4. Rob's big idea is: When things look hopeless, God has a plan for you. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?
- 5. Have you ever found yourself in a hopeless situation? Tell us about it. What did you do? How did God work in it?
- 6. Pray together.

## South Campus – October 8, 2017



Out of Egypt
Matthew 2:13-23

- 1. Describe your own feelings about what happened in Las Vegas this past week.
- 2. What kinds of question does this event as well as recent events in Houston, Florida and Puerto Rico raise in your head?
- 3. How do you think Joseph felt after the dream telling him to go to Egypt? How did he respond?
- 4. In what way is Jesus the new Israel and the new Moses?
- 5. What was Herod's reaction when he saw he'd been outwitted by the Magi?
- 6. In what ways is the prophecy from Jeremiah 31 a word of hope?
- 7. Why was it important for Matthew to validate their settling in Nazareth? In what way is this consistent with Jesus later ministry?
- 8. What do you observe about Joseph's obedience in this story? Describe a time when you had to obey when it didn't make a lot of sense.
- 9. Mark's "big idea" this week was, "When things look hopeless, God has a plan and a purpose." How does this apply to you?