

## ***Jesus the Nazarene***

Matthew 2:19-23

### **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**October 2, 2022**

1. Jesus was known as Jesus of Nazareth or Jesus the Nazarene. Could you let us know where you or your family comes from? If there is any special meaning behind your name, please share it with your group.
2. Have you experienced any disastrous moments in your life? Do you have a story to share of overcoming or restoring from those events?
3. How do we open up our lives to the work of the Holy Spirit to renew and restore us? How does it make you feel knowing it is up the Holy Spirit and not our own strength? Is there anything in your life that needs restoration and renewal now? What are some passages in scripture where the work of the Holy Spirit is evident in restoration and renewal?
4. Which fears or priorities have kept you from “branching out” in the past? What is keeping you from doing it now? In what ways have you been saying “no thanks” to the Holy Spirit’s prodding in your heart? What is a step of obedience you can commit to taking this week in light of the message?
5. **Read John 15:1-8.** What does it mean to abide in the true branch/vine? In what ways does abiding in him affect our steps of obedience? What can the fruit we produce look like?
6. When we connect this week’s message to last week’s message we get a picture of how Jesus wasn’t just a refugee when he was a young boy. He made himself a refugee from heaven when He branched out and came to earth to give us the gift of eternal restoration and renewal. In light of this truth, how can we put this into practice in our own lives? Has the Lord uniquely enabled you to branch out to a particular group of people? This could be through your personal journey, gifting, or interests. What can you do or where can you go, essentially making yourself a refugee, to be Jesus’ agents for restoration and renewal to others?