

# **The Pray More Advent Retreat Study Guide**

## **Walking with Mary: A Biblical Journey from Nazareth to the Cross, Part II With Dr. Edward Sri**

### **Reflective Questions**

“She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.” Lk. 2:7

1. When Mary had to lay her newborn Son in a manger, these poor accommodations were a source of sadness and suffering for Mary. When you experience sadness and suffering in your life, how do you typically react? How can you imitate Mary more closely in times of suffering?
2. Mary pondered her experiences in her heart, seeking to understand what God was showing her through them. How can you work on pondering things in your heart as Mary did in your life?
3. The Infant Jesus being wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger is a prediction of His Passion and Death, when His Body would be wrapped and laid in the tomb. The Nativity shows us that Jesus would establish His Kingdom through poverty, rejection, and suffering. How can you embrace suffering in your own life more fully this Advent?
4. At the Wedding of Cana, Mary gave her yes to God’s plan once again, even though she knew it would mean great suffering for her. How can you imitate Mary’s continual “yes” to God in your life?