

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Family Christmas: God's Plan of Redemption Through Everyday People

Sermon: Matthew 1:18-26 ; Jospeh

Date: Sunday, December 21, 2025

1. What do we learn about Joseph's character from his initial response to Mary's pregnancy? What does it mean that he was a "just" or "righteous" man?
2. Joseph had to choose between following his own plan (divorcing Mary quietly) and trusting God's redirection. When have you had to trust God when His plan didn't make sense to you? Like a GPS, why is it so hard for us to let God "reroute" our lives? What would it look like to listen to Him better?
3. How does understanding that God is sovereignly in control even during life's most painful interruptions change the way you view your current challenges?

4. Immanuel means "God with us," emphasizing God's nearness rather than distance. In what areas of your life do you struggle to believe that God is truly present with you?
5. How does the truth that God loved you enough to draw near while you were still a sinner change the way you approach Him in your failures and brokenness?
6. Pastor Nick said, "God is less concerned about your behavior....He's for your heart." What's the difference between behavior modification and heart transformation? How does God's nearness change hearts?

