

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who has treated you like family even though they may not have been a blood relative? What difference has that person made in your life?
2. Read Matthew 1:18-19. What did Joseph's response indicate about his character in light of Deuteronomy 22:22-24? How did Joseph display truth and grace in this situation?
3. Read Matthew 1:20-25. What do you think your response would have been if you were in Joseph's sandals? What was so compelling about the dream that it drove Joseph to such radical obedience?
4. What would people in the local synagogue (or in the local church today) likely have said about Joseph and Mary's situation? If you were Joseph, how would you explain to your family and friends about why you still married Mary?
5. What does Joseph's commitment to wait until after Jesus was born to consummate the marriage differ from what our current culture teaches and practices about sexuality today? How does our desire for approval and acceptance sometimes keep us from doing the right thing?
6. Read Matthew 2:13-18. How does Joseph treat Jesus as his own child? How is Joseph used by the Lord to fulfill long-time prophecies that inspire the whole world to believe?
7. What would moving to Egypt, a foreign and pagan land, have meant for Joseph and his family? When has God called you to a location, job, relationship or situation that was extremely difficult?
8. Read Matthew 2:19-23. How does having a husband and father who listens and obeys God bless a family?
9. Why does God not normally speak to his people through angels? How can you discern God's will for your life today?
10. Do you tend to gravitate toward practicing grace or truth more in your relationships? What do you need to do in order to more fully live out both truth and grace?



Heroes – Joseph (Jesus' step-dad)

Matthew 1-2

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