



Community Group Questions

Read the verses: Matthew 1:1 - 2:6

1. What are some Christmas traditions that have been passed down to you from your parents or grandparents?
2. When you read Matthew's Christmas Story, why do you think he starts with a genealogy in Matthew 1:1-17? Why is that so important?
3. As Matthew continues the Story in 1:25, Can you imagine Joseph's struggle when he hears Mary is pregnant and he knows he is not the father? Give some one-word descriptions of the emotions he probably felt.
4. How did the Angel's message calm his fears and give him courage to take Mary as his wife and raise Jesus? How does the Angel's Message authenticate who Jesus really was? Do you believe the miracle of the virgin birth of Jesus? Why is that belief not such a stretch of faith as it was back in Joseph's day?
5. In part three of Matthew's Christmas Story, he once again connects Jesus with fulfilled prophecy from Micah 5:2. Can you imagine the Wise Men's confusion and frustration when they travel so far to see the Messiah King and no one seemed to know he had been born or even believe it or care. Except Herod who both believed it and cared - so much that he ordered to have all children two years and younger in Bethlehem and that region killed to protect himself. But that didn't prevent these Wise Men from doing what they came to do – To worship the Messiah King. How did they worship Him? How will you?