

LIFEGROUP

Weekly Sermon Study Guide

Sermon Series: Son of David

Sermon Title: Why Joseph?

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Date Preached: December 20, 2020

WEEKLY CHECK-IN:

Last week we asked why Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus. How would you answer this question?

Also, as a part of catching up on each other's week, this would be a good time to gather everyone's prayer requests and praises. This allows everyone to share about their life and you can use this to guide your prayer at the end of the discussion.

DISCUSSION STARTER:

What is something you don't know that you would like to have the answer to?

DISCUSSION:

Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

1. What in this week's scripture was most interesting?
2. Why do you think the angel appeared to Joseph after he already knew Mary was pregnant? Why didn't the angel appear to Joseph to tell him Mary was pregnant?
3. What emotions do you think Joseph had before the angel appeared? Do you think his feelings changed after the angel appeared to him? If so, in what ways?
4. In the sermon, we discussed that Joseph listened because he was humble; therefore, Joseph was obedient, which resulted in Joseph being faithful. What are your thoughts about this progression? What part of the progression do you struggle with the most?
5. Immanuel means "God with us." Describe the significance of this phrase. How would you describe the meaning and importance of Immanuel to someone who doesn't have a relationship with Jesus?
6. What can we learn about God from this week's scripture?
7. What can we learn about people from this week's scripture?

MY NEXT STEP:

What aspect of Joseph's character could I best try to emulate?

PRAYER:

A core value of our church is 'Urgent Prayer.' Please be sure to include prayer in your group meetings.

Next Week's Sermon Title: Son of David: A Child! God's Plan