

## Sermon Discussion Small Group Questions

### What Child is This? | Joseph

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Ice Breaker-When is the first time you remember hearing the song, "What Child is This" or when do you remember hearing it and it was very meaningful?

#### What child is this?

#### Matthew 1.18-25

1. Joseph's fathering is a reflection of our Father in Heaven. Do you think we struggle with the idea of a perfect, loving, Father in Heaven, because of the issues and experience with our earthly Father?
2. How can these issues be overcome?
3. The Bible in Matthew 1.19 says that Joseph was a "righteous man". What do you believe this means?
4. Joseph named Jesus, the name he was given. Jesus means "God Saves". How have you experienced this to be deeply true for you? How has God saved you? What has he saved you from?
5. As Joseph named Jesus, Father, gives us a new name and reputation? What were those changes for you? How has your reputation changed? Are you done changing?
6. Read Galatians 4.4-7, What do you observe in these verses that you personally have experienced and how?
7. How important is the idea of the "family of God" to you? Is it that way for others?
8. Why do you think God uses the idea of "adoption" and "family"? What is He trying to communicate to us?
9. Romans 8.14-17 "Romans 8:14–17 (NASB95) "For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*. "

God in Heaven is a King, Creator, Ruler, Lord, but also Father. Do you daily live in the idea that God is a loving, patient, kind, and good Father? Why is this hard for us.

*Close in prayer and try and address the Lord as your "Abba- Dad-Father" and thank him for adopting us, loving us, sending Jesus so we could have a new name.*