

MATTHEW 1:18-25

LUKE 1:5-80

CONCEPTION

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

#1 THE PEOPLE INVOLVED

- Read Matthew 1:18-20 and Luke 1:5-7, 26-27. Who were the main people involved in the story of Christ's birth and what role did each of them play?
- What stands out to you about the people involved, and why do you think God selected them?
- We often say that God is looking for people who are "Faithful, Available, and Teachable." Why are those things so important? Which of the three do you need to work on?

#2 THE MESSAGES DELIVERED

- Read Matthew 1:20-25 and Luke 1:8-80. What messages did the angels deliver to Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and Zechariah?
- What did each message require from the people the messages were delivered to?
- When God speaks, He deserves and requires immediate and complete obedience. Why must we do these things?

#3 THE MIRACLES PERFORMED

- Read Matthew 1:18, 20-21 and Luke 1:57-66, 2:1-21. What miracle happened after John the Baptist was born and what made Jesus' birth a miracle?
- Why did Jesus have to be born of a virgin and why is the virgin birth an essential doctrine to believe?
- The miracle of Christ's birth was a perfect fulfillment of prophecy and an undeniable act of God. How does understanding these things shape your faith and impact your life?