

COMMUNITYGROUP

The Coming of The Savior | Matthew 1:18-25

① **How did our time in the Word on Sunday help you to better understand Matthew 1:18-25?**

- *How were you encouraged to live for Jesus because of what was preached on Sunday?*

② **Put yourself in the Joseph & Mary narrative - imagine being engaged, becoming pregnant by the Spirit of God, and trying to reconcile these details as a couple.**

- *How does “putting yourself in their shoes” help you understand the passage better?*
- *Why is it good too “feel” this story, not just know it?*
- *Why does it matter that Joseph & Mary were normal human beings just like everyone else?*

③ **What does Joseph’s response to Mary in v. 19 tell us about the character of Joseph?**

- *Compare Joseph’s response to Judah’s response (Genesis 38:24) and the Pharisees (John 8:4)? Why is this significant?*
- *Why did Joseph have to divorce Mary (check out Deuteronomy 22:23-24)?*

④ **What does the angel appearing to Joseph tell us about the heart of God?**

- *Is walking by faith blind or is walking by faith informed? Why does this matter?*

⑤ **What theological truths did the angel tell Joseph?**

- *What do we learn about the mission of Jesus from the angelic messenger?*

- *How does this help us understand the grand story of God that is being told throughout the Bible?*

⑥ **What commands to obey did the angel give to Joseph?**

- *Why were these commands still hard for Joseph to obey?*
- *How is Joseph an example of obedience for Christ-followers today?*
- *What does obedience to God & His Word cost you?*