

Open with prayer.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text? What did you learn about God?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?

Specific Questions: Matthew 1:18-25

1. Describe a plan you had which didn't go as you intended. Were you able to detect God's hand in that? If so, how?
2. What plans are you forming now? In what ways have you sought God's will in those plans? Has that resulted in any revisions of your plans?
3. Describe a situation in which you sensed or heard God's communication. Other than reading your Bible, did he communicate through another person, the Holy Spirit, or another means?
4. Even after the angels' message, what struggles do you think Joseph faced in proceeding with his betrothal and marriage to Mary? How does God's assurance to us enable us to proceed through difficulties?
5. Has God ever worked through you to interrupt another person's plans by sharing the Gospel with them? Do you live with the daily awareness that God might bring the Gospel to someone through you?