

The Heart of the Matter

12. What is most striking to you in this story of Jesus' conception and birth?

13. What can we learn about faith from Joseph?

14. When did Jesus really become your "Immanuel - God with you?" How are you experiencing Jesus "with you" in your life right now?

15. In your journey toward God, how are you like the Magi? Unlike them? Have you had to leave anything behind to follow Jesus?



Life Group Study Guide

The Birth of Christ Matthew 1:18-2:2 For the Week of December 3, 2017

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When you were a child, what did you like best about your grandparents? What are some of your memories of your great-grandparents?
3. What two positive qualities about your mom and dad come to mind as you recall your childhood?

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Digging Deeper

4. At the time of Christ, a Jewish couple was forbidden to have sexual relations during engagement, they were referred to as “husband and wife,” and their relationship could be broken only by divorce. If you had been in Mary’s sandals, what would have been the most difficult aspect of this situation she found herself in?

5. If you were in Joseph’s place, what would you be thinking from what we learn in verse 19? In verse 20-21?

6. What effect do you think these incidents had on Joseph and Mary’s future marriage relationship?

7. What reason does Matthew give as to why Jesus was born? V21

8. Why is it theologically essential that Jesus was conceived in Mary by the Holy Spirit? V18, 20

9. Why is the meaning of Immanuel so important to us with respect to who Jesus is?

10. Why is the prophecy regarding the birth of Christ so essential to us? V22-23 (Isaiah 7:14)

11. What was the motivation behind the wisemen's desire to come and worship the Christ Child? Why does this matter? V2:1-2