

Beyond Sunday

Voices of Christmas — 12.14.25

Joseph — *Matthew 1 & 2* — Mark Turney

Gather

These questions help build connections with others as you share personal experiences.

- What is something in your life that doesn't seem to be going according to plan?

Grow

These questions guide your group through scripture from Sunday's Sermon. Sharing observations to lead to greater understanding of scripture and God's work in our lives.

Read Matthew 1:18-19

1. Imagine being Joseph and hearing the news that Mary was pregnant. How would you have reacted? What thoughts would be going through your mind? How would you feel?
2. What were the cultural and relational implications of this news?
3. What consequences would Joseph have had for his action or inaction?
4. Have you ever experienced such a dilemma in your life? How did you respond?

Reach Matthew 1: 20-25

1. How did the angel's appearance shift things for Joseph?
2. How do you think he felt?
3. How would you have felt if this was you?

Read Matthew 2:13-23

1. How did the angel's appearance in these instances affect Joseph's life?
2. How would you have responded?
3. What was Joseph learning about following God through these experiences?

Give / Go

These questions help us apply the sermon take-aways to how we will give back to God and go share what we've learned through application and life change.

Thinking over the scripture we reviewed in our discussion.

1. What part of Joseph's story do you relate to?
2. Where has God moved in your life in unexpected ways?
3. How have these experiences shaped how you share Jesus with others around you?
4. Where do you need help trusting God with things in life that are not as you had expected?

Prayer

Proverbs 16:9 says, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

- Pray for the places in your life that feel uncertain that God would guide your steps.