

Hope Is Born Christmas 2022



The Legacy Of Hope Matthew 1:18-25

Discussion Questions | Jeff Randleman | December 11, 2022

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*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"*

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

– Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

The following questions can be used for Small Group discussions or for personal reflection:

1. What do we know about Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus? Does anything about him stand out to you specifically?
2. How do you think Joseph felt when he heard of Mary's pregnancy? Put yourself in his shoes. How would you have responded to such news?
3. What stands out about Joseph's high moral standards to you? He decided to not make a big scene about this situation, and divorce Mary quietly. How does that show his love for Mary? His righteousness?
4. What does Immanuel mean? (God with us.) What is the significance of the word "with"?
5. Rate yourself and discuss the following three statements: People of Hope are people who are noted by their grace. People of Hope are people who strive for moral purity. People of Hope are people who display complete obedience.
6. For further study, read the following Scriptures (used in today's message): Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:14; Galatians 4:4; Ephesians 5:25; Hebrews 4:15; Proverbs 15:26.

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