

THE FULFILLMENT

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START THE CONVERSATION

REVIEW THIS WEEK'S SERMON. SHARE YOUR FAVORITE PART, POINTS YOU RELATED TO MOST, OR QUESTIONS WITH THE GROUP.

WHY DID YOUR PARENTS CHOOSE YOUR NAME? WERE YOU NAMED AFTER SOMEONE? WAS THERE A MEANING BEHIND IT? DID THEY JUST LIKE THE NAME?

WHEN YOU HEAR JESUS' NAME MENTIONED, WHAT STORIES, IF ANY, FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD COME TO MIND?

READ MATTHEW 1:18-2:23 TOGETHER AS A GROUP. AS YOU READ, MAKE NOTE OF ANY KEY PHRASES THAT STAND OUT OR ANY QUESTIONS THAT ARISE. THEN, USE THE QUESTIONS AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES BELOW FOR GROUP DISCUSSION.

1

WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT THE IDENTITY AND MISSION OF JESUS FROM THE BIRTH ACCOUNT? HOW DOES THE FACT THAT GOD IS WITH US ENCOURAGE YOU TODAY?

MATT 1:21-23
MATT 2:2
MATT 28:20

2

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT JESUS WOULD "SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS?" IN WHAT SENSE DO YOU THINK OF JESUS AS SAVIOR?

MATT 1:21
ROM 10:9
EPH 2:1-8

3

WHAT DOES JOSEPH'S RESPONSE TO THE NEWS OF MARY'S PREGNANCY TELL US ABOUT HIM? HOW CAN WE LEARN FROM JOSEPH'S FAITHFULNESS?

MATT 1:19-2:12

4

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN THIS PASSAGE? WHY WOULD MATTHEW HIGHLIGHT THE OLD TESTAMENT EXPECTATIONS AND JESUS?

ISA 7:14
MIC 5:2
HOS 11:1
JER 31:15

5

HOW IS JESUS' KINGSHIP DIFFERENT THAN HEROD'S? WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE FOR JESUS TO BE KING IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN?

MATT 2:1-18
JOHN 18:33-38
LUKE 9:23
COL 1:10

RESPOND + PRAY

+WHAT IS THIS PASSAGE CALLING YOU TO BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

+HOW DOES THE BIRTH ACCOUNT ENCOURAGE YOU TODAY?

ON YOUR OWN: DIG DEEPER

READ LUKE 1:26-2:40, ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF JESUS' BIRTH, BUT FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

HOW DOES READING FROM MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES GIVE US A FULLER PORTRAIT OF JESUS?