



Ice Breaker: What is your favorite Christmas memory?

Read: Matthew 1:18-25; Colossians 1:26

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thought
 - When you hear the phrase “Breaking Good News”, what comes to mind? How does this differ from the “breaking news” we usually hear in the world?
- Matthew 1:18-25
 - Take time to read Matthew 1:18-25 slowly, line by line, verse by verse. How is God speaking to you in each verse?
 - How do you think Joseph felt when he first learned Mary was pregnant? What does his initial response reveal about his character?
 - The angel told Joseph, “Do not be afraid.” What fears might Joseph have had, and how does this speak to fears we face when following God’s plan?
 - Verse 23 says Jesus will be called Immanuel, God with us. What does “God with us” mean to you personally in your daily life?
- Colossians 1:26
 - Paul describes the coming of Jesus as a “mystery kept hidden for ages.” Why do you think God chose to reveal this mystery in the way He did?
- Closing Thoughts
 - Joseph obeyed God even when it was difficult and countercultural. What does obedience look like for us today when God’s call seems hard?
 - How can we live in a way that reflects the reality of Immanuel—God with us to those around us?
 - What will you apply in your life based on what you learned this week?

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

