



Gospel Community Study Questions

Advent | The Glory of the Incarnation

Key Passages: *Matthew 1:18-25*

Big Idea: *The incarnation is the watershed moment of all human history*

Read

Read Matthew 18:15-25

Discuss

Consider how Joseph must have felt upon learning of Mary's pregnancy - understanding the Jewish tradition of betrothal, why did he plan to divorce her quietly? What do these verses reveal about Joseph's character and how does the birth narrative of Jesus challenge modern ideas about family and reputation?

Why are both names, Jesus (God saves) and Immanuel (God with us), given, and what do they reveal about Jesus' identity?

We heard on Sunday that the Incarnation is *the* watershed moment of all history and is the waited for moment of the Old Testament Prophets. Why is that the case and why do you think we don't tend to give it the recognition that such an event deserves?

What is the significance of Mary being a virgin when we're considering Jesus work of salvation?

How does the reality of the incarnation, "God being with us", change how you view the world and your own challenges?

Close & Pray

Take some time to pray in response to the passage and for our Carol Service this coming Sunday

Coming Up

Next week we'll be in Luke 1:1-21