

ADVENT 4 Community Group Questions

Matthew 1:18-25

1—Where have you seen the Lord work in your life this past week?

2—Read Matthew 1:18-19. What do these verses teach us about Joseph? What do you think was going through Joseph's mind when he discovers Mary is with child? How do you think he explained his circumstances with his family and friends?

3—Why would Luke's gospel record an angel visiting Mary and in Matthew's gospel, an angel visits Joseph?

4—Read verses 20-21. How do these verses compare to Mary's visit from the angel Gabriel? (see Luke 1:26-38). What reason does Matthew give as to why Jesus was born?

5—Why do you think Matthew includes the Isaiah 7:14 quote (vv.22-23)?

6—Read vv.24-25. Does Joseph's actions surprise you? Why or why not?

7—How would you sum up the main idea from these verses?

8—What is your one takeaway from this passage?