

Week 1 – Rejoice! Series
Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read Matthew 1:18-25

Discussion:

1. What was your father like growing up?
2. What does your name mean?
3. How did you first learn about “the birds and the bees?”
4. What kind of man was Joseph?
5. What is the significance of the word that Joseph heard from the angel?
6. What is the first reason Matthew gives as to why Jesus was born (v. 21)?
7. Apart from fulfilling prophecy, why do you think Jesus’ virgin birth was necessary? Likewise, Joseph’s legal paternity?
8. If you were Joseph or Mary – unmarried, pregnant, and a teenager – how would you have felt? What would you have said to each other? To God? To family and friends?
9. In your experience, does God still speak through dreams? What is the value of dreams? Their danger? How does one know if it is God speaking?
10. How is “God with us today”?

Prayer: Take time to rejoice and pray together as a group.