



Life Group Discussion Guide
The Savior Has Come
Jesus in Humanity – Matthew 1:18-24
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Main thought: The extent to which we trust God with each small moment will directly impact our ability to honor God with the whole of our lives.

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Ice-Breaker (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- Name one person you love to get Christmas presents for and why.

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- Share something or someone from your past that God used to draw you closer to Him.

Digging In (suggested time 15 min)

Read Matthew 1:18-24 together and respond to the following questions:

- What are some of the ways that first century Jewish marriage and engagement differed from those of today?
- What were some of the challenges Joseph faced in this passage?
- What are some alternative choice he could have made that might have compromised his honor or been more focused on his own well-being?
- List the things Joseph did that honored and protected Mary and reflect on the high amount of integrity and trust in God it took to do so.

Further Reflection (suggested time 10 minutes)

- Why was it important for Jesus to be legally Joseph's child?
- Why is the dual nature of Jesus (fully God and fully man) important?
- Read Hebrews 4:14-16. How does Jesus' humanity benefit us? How does His deity (being God) benefit us?



Application (suggested time 15 minutes)

- What is a situation you commonly encounter that you are sometimes tempted to compromise your integrity in? What are some steps you can take to avoid and harden yourself against these temptations?
- What is something God has been working on in you or preparing you for?
- What is the “next right thing” you can do to follow His instructions like Joseph did?

Break off into groups of two or three and pray for that person specifically that they might find the strength through Jesus to be uncompromising as they take steps to trust God in the situation they shared. (Suggested time 10 minutes)