



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of December 8, 2025

1. When you think back to your childhood years, what was something you really dreamed about getting on Christmas morning? What was that something you yearned for with all your heart? Did you get it? Tell the story to your group.
2. **Read Matthew 1:18-25.** If so many supernatural things are unfolding during the Nativity narratives of the Bible, then what should that indicate to us about Jesus? Take a quick look at John 1:1-2, 14. Is Jesus just another ordinary human being? Who is He, really?
3. What truth did Joseph discover about Mary in verse 18 that sent his spirit into shock? Why would this feel like a betrayal and a deep heartbreak?
4. Explain the stress or anxiety Joseph must have felt in his heart, between doing what was right and honorable — while also showing compassion to Mary. What decision did Joseph ultimately reach in verse 19?
5. God sent special revelation to Joseph in the form of a dream. What was the content of God's communication regarding...

Joseph's plan for a private divorce? \_\_\_\_\_ Mary? \_\_\_\_\_  
The baby's conception? \_\_\_\_\_ The significance of this son? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What ancient prophecy did Matthew remind his readers about in verses 22-23? What is the connection between that prophecy and the baby Mary was carrying in her womb?
7. How did Joseph respond to the content of the dream? (verse 22-25). Why should we view Joseph as a true spiritual hero?
8. Pastor Ryan closed the message with three relevant applications for our lives today. Which one of these resonates with you today? Explain your answer and how you can live it out this week.

*\* Be committed to the Bible. \*Be the one who obeys. \*Be confident that God guides you.*

*When supernatural events surpass logic and reason,  
be sure that God is up to something.*