

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide



From the Christmas Message: When Christmas Almost Wasn't Our Text for the Week of 12.20: Matthew 1:18–25

In this message, we travel back to the first Christmas before Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem. This first Christmas was coming, but there was a risk that Joseph would miss it. How did God intervene so that Joseph would experience the birth of Jesus and the glory that would follow? We answer that question and consider how God will help us experience Christmas this year.

Read Matthew 1:18–25

Christmas is too Important to Miss when it comes to:

Your Focus on Jesus and how He is speaking to you

Your Flexibility to surrender your plans when they differ from His

Your Faithfulness to walk in His ways rather than your own

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. How did the news of Mary's pregnancy impact Joseph?
2. How did Joseph's plans differ from God's plan?
3. How did God intervene to align Joseph to His plan?
4. Describe a time when God intervened on your behalf in a difficult time.
5. When was the last time you gave God your undivided attention?
6. Describe how Christmas will be different for you this year.
7. Have you witnessed God at work even as plans have changed this year?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will I do to celebrate Christmas personally this week?

How will I live differently because of this study?

Notes & Reflections: