

Community Group Discussion Questions

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church ♦ December 11 – December 17, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent ♦ Matthew 1:18-25 “You Can’t Be Serious?!”

Before you begin to discuss the following questions, have someone in your community group read Matthew 1:18-25.

1. God’s revelation (whether by angelic pronouncement or the Word of God) takes those who hear “on beyond zebra”. From your perspective, what were some of the incredible things Joseph was asked to believe?

2. If you had been Joseph, of all that you heard the angel proclaim, which would have been most difficult for you to believe and act upon? Why?

3. Imagine being in the room when Joseph and Mary had their first conversation after the angel came to Joseph in a dream.
 - How do you think that conversation unfolded?

 - What would have been Mary’s emotional response?

4. Pastor Rick mentioned that Joseph responded to the dream by being boldly obedient. Describe some ways where obeying God’s Word in our culture today takes boldness.

5. Joseph’s reputation took a hit by obeying what the angel had said. Has anyone taken “a hit” on their reputation because of their obedience to the Lord? How?

6. To talk to others about Jesus being a savior means we describe the human condition as being in danger. What are some of the obstacles we face in explaining our biblical view of anthropology to those who don’t yet know Jesus?