

DISCUSSION GUIDE
DECEMBER 2 & 3

ANGELS

HEARING GOD THIS CHRISTMAS

 pathwaychurch

FOLLOWING JESUS • IN COMMUNITY • FOR OTHERS

Angels Who Came In a Time of Crisis

MATTHEW 1:18-24 | WEEK 2

Opening Questions

1. Have you ever received news that was both exciting and scary? What was it and how did you react?
2. When was the last time you wanted to believe the best about a person but the circumstances looked suspicious? What did you do? What happened?

In the Word

1. Read [Matthew 1:18-25](#).
2. In [verse 19](#), Joseph is trying to balance keeping the Law with kindness toward Mary. What does [verse 19](#) tell us about Joseph's character and his relationship with Mary?
3. Summarize the angel's message to Joseph. How many things does the angel communicate?
4. The name Jesus is the Greek form of the name Joshua. What similarities are there between Jesus and Joshua from the Old Testament? (Hint: look through the book of [Joshua](#)!)
5. [Verse 23](#) gives the important name Immanuel (God with us). In what ways is this name uniquely appropriate for Jesus?
6. [Verses 24-25](#) detail Joseph's response. How might Joseph have reacted? What is amazing about his response?

Making It Personal

1. If God communicated to you through an angel this Christmas about a difficult decision or circumstance, what message would God deliver to you?
2. Who in your life is struggling this Christmas that God wants you to encourage and walk beside?
3. In what specific ways does God want Jesus to be seen through your life this Christmas?
4. Pray for those you're inviting to church this Christmas Eve to be open to God and Jesus.

Continued Learning

1. Look at the following link and choose a few additional names of Jesus to discuss as a group <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionary-of-bible-themes/2203-Jesus-Christ-titles-names>. What do they teach us about who Jesus is and what He came to do?

Additional Notes