

Week of February 9, 2025



Icebreaker



- What's the funniest or most unexpected Valentine's Day gift you've ever given or received?
- What's one movie or TV couple that you think shows a great example of commitment?



Discussion Questions



- In what ways do you see our culture struggling with commitment today?
- How do Joseph's actions in Matthew 1:18-25 demonstrate true commitment and faith?
- What do you think Joseph might have felt when he first learned Mary was pregnant? How does his response challenge the way we handle difficult situations?
- The sermon mentioned that our culture is obsessed with "keeping options open." How can this mindset affect our faith?
- The sermon emphasized that faith isn't just about belief but about action. How can we actively show our commitment to God in daily life?
- What does it mean to be a "just man" or a "just woman" in today's world?
- How do you think Joseph's story applies to relationships today—whether dating, marriage, or friendships?
- The sermon challenged men to take spiritual leadership seriously. What does healthy spiritual leadership look like in a family or community?
- God pursued Joseph and gave him direction. How has God pursued you in your life, and how have you responded?
- What are some ways we can carry the name of Jesus forward in our workplaces, friendships, and families?



Thought for the Group



In Matthew 1:18-25, we see Joseph faced with a life-altering decision—his fiancée, Mary, is pregnant, and the child isn't his. Culturally, he had every right to walk away, even to shame her publicly. But instead, Joseph chose honor over humiliation, faith over fear, and obedience over personal pride.

Joseph was a just man, meaning he lived with integrity and a heart to follow God, even when it was hard. When God spoke to him in a dream, Joseph didn't hesitate—he obeyed. His story teaches us that faith isn't just about belief; it's about action.

Our culture struggles with commitment—whether in relationships, jobs, or faith. We often want to “keep our options open,” but true faithfulness means standing firm, even when it's inconvenient.

Joseph reminds us that real obedience to God requires:

Listening when God speaks – Through His Word, prayer, and wise counsel.

Obedying even when it's hard – Trusting God's plan above our own comfort.

Carrying the name of Jesus – Living out our faith daily, not just in words but in action.

Joseph's story isn't just a Christmas narrative; it's a call to commitment. Whether in our faith, relationships, or responsibilities, God is looking for people who will trust Him fully and walk in obedience. Will you be one of them?



Next Steps



- The next time you feel wronged or frustrated, pause before reacting. Write down a situation where you can practice responding with grace, and pray for wisdom to handle it well.
- Find one way this week to actively carry the name of Jesus—whether through sharing your faith, serving someone in need, or making a godly decision that stands out. T