



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE  
*"An unPLANNED PREGNANCY"*  
*Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38*

## SERMON NOTES

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

GOOD BOOK ABOUT THE BIRTH OF JESUS

The First Days of Jesus by Andreas J. Kostenberger and Alexander E. Stewart

# GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read *Luke 1:26-27; John 1:46*. What is significant about Gabriel going to Nazareth as opposed to Jerusalem? What does this say about God's plans?
- 2) Read *Luke 1:28-38* and *Luke 1:11-20*. What is the difference between how Mary reacted and how Zechariah reacted to Gabriel and his news?
- 3) *Luke 1:28* says that Mary was "highly favored." This means she was the recipient of God's grace, meaning she was the recipient of an action completed by someone else. Why does this oppose the Roman Catholic view that Mary could give this grace to others (see *Luke 1:46-48*)?
- 4) Read *Luke 2:21-24; Leviticus 12:8; Matthew 13:53-55; Matthew 1:18-19*. Who was Joseph?
- 5) Read *Matthew 1:18*. What was a betrothal? What could Joseph have done if he wanted to when he found out Mary was pregnant?
- 6) Read *Matthew 1:19-25*. How did Joseph respond? What does this say about Joseph's character? How would you have responded?
- 7) Read *Matthew 1:21*. How has this verse impacted your life? Take some time to confess your sins to Jesus and thank Him for your salvation.

## FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize *Matthew 1:21*: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."
- 2) Read *Luke 1:26-38*. Discuss with your family who Mary was and how the birth of Jesus came about.
- 3) Read *Matthew 1:18-25*. Discuss with your family who Joseph was and how he adopted Jesus as his son.