

New Life

GROUP GUIDE (December 22, 2024)

This guide is designed to help you grow in your relationship with God and develop meaningful relationships with others. Get together with friends or visit brookwoodchurch.org/groups to find a group already meeting. *Let's do this together!*

Week 4

Virgin Birth

Connect

Who would you like to come visit you this Christmas season?

Pray

Ask someone to lead the group in prayer. Thank God for the presence of His Spirit with you.

Read

Ask someone to read **Matthew 1:18-25**.

Reflection and Discussion

Choose from the following questions to build your relationship with God and each other. The goal is to interact with God through the Bible and shared experiences, not to finish all the questions.

Insight: Around 700 years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin. This prophecy was fulfilled when God used the humble obedience of Mary and Joseph to demonstrate His love for us by coming to be with us.

1. How would you feel if you had been in Mary's place, and you became pregnant by the Holy Spirit while still a virgin?

2. How would you have reacted if you were in Joseph's place, and your fiancé told you she had become pregnant by the Holy Spirit?
3. Why would it have been difficult for Joseph to believe what the angel said to him in a dream? For others to believe Joseph's account of what the angel said?
4. What is significant about Joseph's reaction to the words of the angel?
5. What statement or phrase in this passage gives you some hope?
6. What unique situation are you dealing with during this season?
7. What step can you take to receive guidance from God today?

The Big Takeaway

Spend a few minutes in silence. Trust that God is near and desires to meet with you. **Ask God what He wants you to know or do from this week's study.** Write down the thoughts God brings to your mind. **Share this with the group and pray for each other.**

Scripture Memory

One way to keep Jesus at the center of your life is to plant the words of Scripture in your mind. Repeat this verse to remember that God has come to us through His Son Jesus.

Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel, which means "God is with us." **Matthew 1:23 (NLT)**