

Jesus OUR Hope

The Hope of Salvation

Matthew 1:16-25

God enters our messy lives to rescue us.

Jesus = “ salvation ”

Immanuel = “ the with us God ”

God calls us to enter the messy lives of others.

True righteousness is expressed in entering in to lift people out.

All life-changing love is a substitutional sacrifice.

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Can you think of a time you have been left behind or you left another behind? How is God different in His dealings with people?
- 2) Ponder the names “Jesus” and “Immanuel.” What are the implications of those names for our personal experience?
- 3) What would you be thinking if you found yourself in Joseph’s situation? Is there anything God is calling you to do that requires you to get involved with messy situations or people?
- 4) How do you need to respond to God this Christmas? Be real and practical.



Memory Verse **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.”