



Emmanuel: Facing the Uncertain Future

Main Scripture: Mt 1:18-20, 2:13-15

Additional Scriptures: Isa 22:13, 41:10; Deu 31:8; Jos 1:9; Jas 4:13-14; 2 Tim 3:17; Psa 34:4, 1:1-3; Lk 5:5

Discussion Questions

Joseph, a Jewish man, living during the time of the Roman empirical reign finds himself engaged to a pregnant Mary. His faith in God becomes evident by his actions.

- What decision is he wrestling with and what does he decide to do?
- What quality of character does Joseph demonstrate?
- What action does Herod take to cause trouble for Joseph and Mary?
- How do they respond to their uncertain future that seemed so outside of their control?

There are three approaches to life: apathetic, cautious, or commander.

When your future is uncertain and outside of your control you tend to respond a certain way in order to make sense of what is happening.

- From the above three choices, which one would you lean towards?
- What are some of the things you do to keep your focus on God?

LISTEN TO GOD

- How do you hear what God is saying to you?
- What is your standard of recognizing what is of God and what is not?
- How do you make listening to God the rule and not the exception?

YOU CAN TRUST GOD

- How would you describe what "trusting in God" is like?
- What has happened in your life that made this a reality?

TRUST THE CONSISTENCY OF HIS CHARACTER

- What has God done for you that gave you insight into part of His character and how has that shaped your faith?
- Do you journal some of your experiences with God? If so, how does this help you see God's consistency?