



You Shall Call him Jesus

Matt 1:18-21

INTRODUCTION

Matthew gives two names to the baby born on Christmas: Jesus, which tells us his purpose; Emmanuel, which tells us his nature.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take away from the sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Matt 1:18-25**
- Why do you think the angel waited to tell Joseph the news until after he decided to divorce Mary?
- What is sin?
- What is salvation? In what way(s) are we saved from sin?

APPLICATION

- How would you answer someone who asked you "why do you Christians have to be so narrow? Why do you insist that your religion is right, and all other religions are wrong?"
- Why do people make Jesus into their helper/co-pilot, instead of their savior?
- Who do you know who needs salvation? Spend time together praying for those who need to be saved.

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?