

Discussion Guide

Series: Extraordinary wk3 Relationships

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Big Idea

God is with us in our relationship to supernaturally shift the ordinary into the extraordinary.



Icebreaker

What is the best human relationship you have ever been in and what made it that way? We know this may instill sadness over losses or changes that have occurred but use this time to be thankful to the Lord for the good experience you were allotted, while trusting Him with your present and your future.



Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 1:18-19. Based on this reading, what are some challenges (and the potential impacts or extents of them) that Mary and Joseph are presented with in their relationship? What does how Joseph intends to proceed tell us about him? In what ways are his intentions ordinary? In what ways are they not ordinary?
2. As you think of the various forms of human relationships (work, friends, significant others, family, etc.) what are some challenges they tend to face and what are some rather ordinary responses to these challenges?
3. Read Matthew 1:20-23. How, and through what means, did God choose to encourage and guide Joseph in this situation? Can that same means still happen today? What other means does God use today to encourage and guide us through situations? Is there danger that we will not hear the message God has for us if we focus on a certain means that we feel He should use, or that we wish He would use? Explain.
4. Read Matthew 1:24-25. What did Joseph decide to do and why? With a relationship challenge that you are facing, what would doing as Joseph did look like for you? What would it take from you to do this? What would you need to face, or dismiss, in order to do this?
5. Re-read Matthew 1:23. When Jesus was born, God was with humanity in a physical sense. How and through what means is God with us (with you) as believers today? Read John 14:15-18 & John 16:7-15. How can the facts and information shared in these readings influence our human relationships and turn them into the “extraordinary”? Have you experienced this and if so, how?
6. What would it look like if the world chose to navigate the challenges of relationships in a way other than what is generally ordinary?



Concluding Question

Do you have any comments or thoughts to share on the Tara-Leigh Cobble video from the *Bible Recap*?



Prayer

Pray that people would know that they are not alone in their struggles and that they would pursue the Lord and others (the Church) to support and help them to process and navigate these struggles.