

Discussion Guide
Series: Extraordinary wk4 Interruptions
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Big Idea

In ordinary interruptions and life-altering disruptions God is working, and He is with you.



Icebreaker

Is one of your pet-peeves when someone interrupts you? Why? How does it make you feel? Do you tend to interrupt others, why do you think it is an issue with which many struggle?



Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between an *interruption* and a *disruption*? Give examples from your own life of each, if you can.
2. Read Luke 2:1-5. What interruption to Mary & Joseph and the entire Roman world do we see taking place here? What would it have meant to them and what would have been some of their challenges with it? Why did Mary and Joseph engage in what this interruption asked of them? How do you react to such types of interruptions in your life, and why? Do you have a specific example to share?
3. Read Luke 2:6-7. What turns this initial interruption for Mary & Joseph into a much more serious matter? How is the birth of their son different than what their birth plan for him may have been? Do you think they were stressed out and/or confused as to why this was happening to them? Do you have an example from your life to share of a challenging interruption that stressed you out and/or confused you?
4. Read Micah 5:2 & Jeremiah 23:5. Why are these prophecies important to help us understand the interruption/disruption that Mary & Joseph face? How can knowing these, and other, prophecies of Christ's birth and life help us to both understand the situation Mary & Joseph faced in Luke 2 along with other factors of Jesus' life? How do prophecies and their fulfillment personally influence or impact your faith?
5. Read the Magnificat, Luke 1:46-49. Put yourself in Mary's sandals, how her faith here something at which to marvel?
6. Read more of the Magnificat, Luke 1:50-55. How do these passages encompass the larger disruption to the world that Christ's birth was? Which line in this section of Scripture impacts you most & why?



Concluding Question

How does the story of Mary & Joseph's interruption/disruption influence how you may view the interruptions and/or disruptions that you may face in life? How does one still honor and worship God amid them? What helps us to do so?



Prayer

Pray for our many Christmas Eve services here at Revive Wesleyan. Pray that the story and impact of Christ's birth would disrupt people's lives in good ways!