

## STUDY QUESTIONS

**Monday** Re-read Matthew 1:18 through 2:23.

1. Think through the Christmas Story and make a list of all the difficult situations or impossible things that had to be overcome. How did Mary and Joseph respond? Was Romans 8:28 working (even before it was written)?
2. Now make a list of the difficult situations or impossible things you face. Respond like Mary and Joseph did.

### Tuesday

1. Meditate on Psalm 18:30 (or 2 Samuel 22:31). Who's way is perfect?
2. Meditate on Romans 12:2. What is good and acceptable and perfect? (ESV readers check the text footnote.) By what process are you brought to discern "what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God?"
3. Meditate on Philippians 4:6-7. Thank God for each of the personal situations you listed Monday.

**Wednesday** – Read and meditate on Luke 2

### Thursday

1. Whose birth was foretold by angels in addition to Jesus?
2. How were Zechariah and Elizabeth described?
3. How were Mary and Joseph described? (Matt 1)
4. What caused Mary and Joseph to be in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus?
5. Who were the first people told about the birth of Jesus?
6. What were the next two events following the birth of Jesus for Mary and Joseph that we read in Luke?

### Friday

1. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to Jerusalem for ceremonial purification, where did they come from?
2. How does the phrase "up to Jerusalem" fit into the previous answer?
3. Read Lev 12:8. What does the sacrifice of Mary and Joseph (vs 24) reveal about their social position?

### Saturday

1. List the various means by which Christ the King demonstrated humility through His birth.
2. When we consider the character and social status of the people in the Christmas story, what do we learn about the kind of people who God chooses to use to accomplish His glorious plan?

## DAILY BIBLE READING

Monday Matt 1-2

Tuesday Psalm 18; Rom 12; Phil 4

Wednesday Luke 2

Thursday Luke 1-2

Friday Luke 2; Matt 1:18-23; Isa 40:1-5

Saturday Luke 2; Micah 5:2; 2:17-3:4

Sunday Luke 2 (text for Dec 18)

## **RESOURCES – Facebook**

Do you have a facebook account? Check out the church's page! We use the page to post info about events, pictures, link to articles, and share resources available online. To take advantage of these resources, perform a search within facebook for "Sussex County Bible Church." This search usually shows two results, the church group, and the page. The page is what you want to find. Once you find the church facebook page, click on the "Like" box next to the page name. Once you do this, you should automatically be notified of things that we post. Last week we posted an article on various Bible reading schedules for the new year, several family resources for advent devotions, and a video about advent.

This is an example of how facebook can be used productively. As with most things dealing with social groups online - wisdom and caution must be practiced when spending time on Facebook.

- pastor josh