



SERMON NOTES

December 15, 2024

Speaker: Pastor Zoro Mer

“This Changes Everything”

Christmas Stories: “This Changes Everything”

Matthew 1:1-17

Matthew 1:17-23

Next Steps questions:

- 1. Where did you come from? How is it going now? Where do you want to end up?**
- 2. Will you build upon your family's legacy, or will you need to break the challenging cycle?**
- 3. What does baby Jesus represent to you? How will you honor Him during this Christmas season?**



Pathway Group Discussion Questions:

Note: 1, and 6-7 are general questions asked at Pathway weekly.

- 1. After 400 years of silence between the Old and New Testaments, how do you think the arrival of Jesus changed the expectations and faith of God's people?**
- 2. The genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1 includes unexpected figures (women). What does this inclusion tell you about God's nature and His plans for all people?**
- 3. Reflect on the influence of Joseph's character in Matthew 1:18-19. How can we apply his integrity and kindness in our own relationships and conflicts today?**
- 4. Joseph's obedience to God's message, even when it was difficult, shows strong faith. How can we cultivate similar faith and obedience in our lives, especially when God's plans don't make immediate sense to us?**
- 5. The birth of Jesus is described as a fulfillment of prophecy and a significant event for humanity. How does this event influence your understanding of God's involvement in your personal life and in history as a whole?**
- 6. How did you answer the next step questions this week?**
 - Do you know the life-giver and are you life-giving?**
 - Are you hiding from community, from God, or from using your spiritual gifts?**
 - Will you choose to worry less and worship more like Mary?**
- 7. How can we pray for you and support you this week?**

Note for life group leaders: if you need additional support or resources due to the depth of the verses and topics covered don't hesitate to reach out:

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December 1 – December 7, 2024

FINANCIALS

\$75,660 up 116.2% to budget for W/E 12/7/24
\$1,787,382 down 0.8% to budget for Year to Date
-\$29,833 Net Revenue after including other income through November 2024
\$270,421 for Missions or 15.1% of General Giving YTD
through November 2024

CONNECT

Total Worship Attendance: 1038
Online: 40
TWC Attendance Sunday: 604
Kids Sunday: 179
Students: 218

GROW

Baptisms (YTD): 82
Discipleship Groups: 112
Salvations (YTD): 110

SERVE

People Fed at Food Pantry: 15
Weekly Volunteers: 111