INCARNATION

O FURTHER | DECEMBER 5 | JESUS THE MESSIAH

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What is your favorite Christmas hymn or song to sing in church?
- When you hear the word Messiah, what thoughts come into your mind?

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- Read Matthew 1:18-21
- What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Imagine you have never heard this story before. How would you respond?
- What do you think of Joseph's response?
- How did Joseph prepare himself to say yes at this moment in his life?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read Luke 1:26-33
- What words or phrases stand out to you?
- What surprises you about Mary's response? What doesn't?
- What titles do you find for Jesus in this passage?
- What do you learn about the kingdom Jesus will rule over?

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

• Jesus, Savior, save us. Save me. We want to a people pursuing you and you alone, but we know we miss the mark, we sin, far more than we would care to admit. May we show grace to ourselves and to others. May confession and repentance be a regular part of our lives, to you, our God, and to others that we wrong. May we sing each day with the song 'here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. In our resurrected Savior's name we pray, Amen.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

• For more on Messiah, check out this 5-day reading plan on Messiah: https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/22859-the-coming-of-the-messiah