

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Go Tell It On The Mountain | Matthew 1:18-25
The News to His Father (Joseph)

MAIN IDEA:

Joseph's reaction to the news of Christmas shows us how we should respond in life: with honor, faith, and action.

Sermon Outline:

1. He reacts with honor (vv18-19)
2. He reacts with faith (vv20-23)
3. He reacts with action (vv24-25)

Pre-Questions

1. When faced with unexpected or challenging news, how do you typically respond? Do you seek guidance, act immediately, or take time to reflect?
2. What role does trust play in your decision-making process, especially when the path forward is unclear?

QUESTIONS

1. In verses 18-19, Joseph discovers Mary's pregnancy and contemplates divorcing her quietly. What does this reveal about his character and his adherence to both justice and compassion?
2. Reflect on Proverbs 3:5-6, which advises trusting in the Lord wholeheartedly. How might this wisdom have applied to Joseph's situation, and how can it apply to ours when facing difficult choices?
3. An angel appears to Joseph in a dream, instructing him to take Mary as his wife. How does Joseph's immediate obedience demonstrate his faith and trust in God's plan?
4. Consider James 1:22, which encourages believers to be doers of the word. How can we emulate Joseph's example of prompt obedience in our own lives?
5. In what areas of your life is God calling you to trust Him more deeply, even when the circumstances are challenging or unclear?
6. How can you cultivate a heart of obedience like Joseph, ready to follow God's guidance promptly and faithfully?
7. Are there situations where you need to balance justice with compassion, as Joseph did? How can you seek God's wisdom in these circumstances?