



RADiation *Worksheet*

Reflection | Application | Discussion

Week of Oct 4

Apostles' Creed Text: "Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary."

DISCUSSION & PRAYER ([PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7](#))

What has God done that you are thankful for this week?

What challenge are you facing?

DISCOVERY TEXT

[Matthew 1:18–25](#)

REFLECTION *Listening for God*

1. In verse 19, Joseph is described as a righteous man who intended to break the engagement quietly to protect Mary from public disgrace. What does this reveal about Joseph's character, even before he understood the full story?
2. The angel highlights two names/titles in this passage: Jesus ("the Lord saves") and Immanuel ("God with us"). How do these two titles work together to summarize the heart of the Gospel message?

APPLICATION *Following Him*

1. Joseph had to choose obedience to God over his own reputation, plans, and cultural expectations. What is one area of your life where following God's leading might cost you some personal comfort or public approval?
2. "Immanuel" reminds us that God steps directly into our messy, complicated human reality rather than staying at a safe distance. How can we practice being "present" with people in our lives who are currently going through a difficult or messy season?
3. As your group plans your service project, how can stepping out to serve our local community reflect the way Jesus entered our world as Immanuel—bringing God's presence into everyday places?

NOTE: It's the third week of Small Groups. Check out the [Service Project Worksheet](#) to get some ideas about how to organize your project and engage a variety of your group's [spiritual gifts](#). Contact aaron@newdaywi.com if you need additional ideas and support.