

1. Are you a planner? Joseph was a carpenter who likely measured twice and cut once. How do you react when God completely disrupts your plans?
2. Joseph and Mary saved their sexual involvement for marriage. They believed the price tag for physical intimacy was the commitment of marriage. How does this commitment challenge your view of extra-marital sex?
3. How was Joseph's response to Mary's perceived sexual sin differ from Judah's response to Tamar's sexual sin? (Gen. 38:24) Do you respond with compassion or judgment when you hear of the sin of someone you know?
4. How do you listen to a sermon that outlines the gospel? Do you yawn thinking it is for someone who has never been saved or do you lean in knowing that re-believing the gospel is way you make all spiritual progress as a Christian?
5. Jesus was fully God and fully man? In what ways was Jesus like us? What impact does that have on you? In what ways was Jesus unlike us? Why is it important to keep these in balance?
6. Read 1John 4:9-10. One proof of love is "leaving your world to enter the world of another." How does believing in the incarnation of Christ convince you of God's love for you?
7. Larry Crabb said, "If you don't think the gospel is the answer to your problem, you don't understand your problem." What is your problem? How does the gospel answer it?
8. Tim Keller says "You are more sinful and flawed than you ever dared believe." Why do we resist this statement? He also said, "You are more accepted and loved than you ever dared hope." How does the gospel assure us that Jesus "will save his people from their sins?"