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## ***Review***

### *Main Points:*

Initial comments, questions, and reactions about the sermon?

1. Changed the way Mary and Joseph saw God
2. Changed the way they saw themselves
3. Changed the way they understood what it means to be saved

## ***Reflect***

### *Questions:*

1. **Read Matthew 1:20-23.** Mary and Joseph's view of God changed, as they realized God wanted a relationship with them. When in your life have you realized the difference of knowing about God and actually knowing God? What does Jesus being Immanuel mean to you?
2. The second change is in how they view themselves. When was a time when someone impacted your self-image without even trying? How does Jesus do that with us?
3. As Christians, should we have a positive or negative view of ourselves, why? What's your general view of yourself?
4. **Read Matthew 1:21.** How does this change the view of salvation for Mary and Joseph? Joe made the point that our primary need is inside of us and not outside of us. What makes it hard or easy to believe that?

## ***Respond***

What's the application God is moving you towards? As God has drawn near to us – what does it look like for you to draw near to someone in need? Maybe it's Just Because cards. Maybe it's some other way.

## ***Pray***

Go around as a group and ask for prayer requests. Pray as a group together.



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## ***Announcements***

### **Remembrance and Hope Service – Sunday, December 16 at 3 p.m.**

The holidays can be especially difficult if you've lost a loved one. Join us to remember the people you've lost and look to the future with hope. We'll worship together, hear an encouraging message from a pastor, and light a personalized keepsake candle in remembrance of those we love and miss. We'd like to show a photo of your loved one, so please register and submit your photo online by Dec. 10, so we can be prepared in having you there with us. Sign-up online.

### **Christmas Eve Services**

We have four Christmas Eve services this year:

3, 4:30, 6, and 7:30 p.m. (no East Hall at 7:30 p.m.)

Busy bags will be available for kids so that you can worship as a family.

Childcare will not be available.