

1. **Understanding question:** In Matthew 1:18-25, why did Joseph initially plan to quietly break off his engagement with Mary? How did the angel's message change his decision?

2. **Personal reflection question:** Have you ever been faced with a situation where doing what is right according to God's will seemed challenging or unpopular? How did you handle it, and what can you learn from Joseph's example in responding with righteousness and compassion?

3. **Daily application question:** How can we cultivate a heart of righteousness, integrity, and mercy in our daily interactions with others, especially in difficult or unexpected circumstances, like Joseph did with Mary?

4. **Community/relationship question:** How can our church community or small group support one another in making righteous decisions and showing compassion to others, even when it may be difficult or unpopular?

5. **Specific action question:** In what specific ways can we follow Joseph's example of obeying God's will with courage and compassion, even when faced with challenges or the unexpected? How can we practically apply this in our lives this week?