Applying God's Word

This Week's Passage: Matthew 1:18-25
Corresponding Sermon from King's Church: "Jesus: God With Us To Save Us"

Opening Discussion
1. Read this week's passage together.
2. Discuss as a group how this passage fits within the context of the book of Matthew and/or scripture as a whole.
3. Share *your* immediate observations from this text. Was there anything shared in Sunday's sermon that stuck out to *you*?
4. In what ways were you able to see *yourself* in the sermon and in the text?

Going Deeper
1. While looking at the first of Matthew's "fulfillment quotations" in vv. 22-23, we see that not only is Jesus the fulfillment of scripture but that our sovereign and Triune God has been directing the course of human history to its Christ-centered culmination. How does this help you better understand Scripture as a whole? More than that, how does it deepen your appreciation, awe, and commitment regarding who Jesus is and what he came to do?

2. Matthew leaves no uncertainty in claiming that Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. He is not only the human king, born of Mary in the line of David, but he is also God in the flesh. What does this tell you about the heart of God for his people? Why is this a nonnegotiable belief for Christians? How should you respond? Read **Philippians 2:1-11** for further insight.

3. The angel of the Lord reveals to Jospeh that he must name his son Jesus (which means Yahweh saves) because he has come to save his people from their sins. What does this tell you about Jesus' mission? Read **1 Peter 2:22-25**. What does it tell us about *how* Christ saves us from our sins? Read **1 John 1:9**. How must we *respond* to his mission of salvation?

Prayer Points
1. Spend time in prayer thanking God for what he has done for you in Christ.
2. Ask the Lord, by the power of the Spirit, to help you cultivate a heart that desires to live as one has been saved from your sins.
3. Ask him to reveal areas where your mission in life does not line up with his. Pray he would align your will to his.