



Cornerstone Church Talking Points Guide

“He Had to Go” Divine Detours, Pt. 3

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SUNDAY SERVICE REFLECTION

Talk about your favorite moment from this week’s worship service. What scripture passage, worship song, or sermon quote did you relate to the most? Why?

SCRIPTURE READING

Pray and ask God to illuminate his Word. Then, read the below passage(s) of scripture out loud.

At that time the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David’s ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. Luke 2:1-6 NLT

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Choose one of the questions below to answer in relation to the above scripture passage(s).

- What did you notice about this passage(s)?
- What did this passage(s) teach you?
- How are you challenged to live differently?
- How can you apply this passage(s) to your day-to-day life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Following God can be a disappointing experience at times. Talk about a time in the past the you expected God to show up for you in a certain way, and he didn't.
- "God's plan differs from our plan because God's perspective differs from our perspective." How does that truth change the way you see God not delivering on your expectations?
- Pray and ask God to help you see that the letdowns in your life can become divine detours.

TALK IT OVER WITH KIDS

- Have you ever wished for something and prayed to God for it to happen—and it didn't? What was the thing you wanted? How did you feel when it didn't happen?
- Sometimes we think God is like Santa Claus. If we're good enough, we'll get what we want. But what we think is "good" isn't always actually good. Who should we trust to know what is really the best, good stuff for us—ourselves or God?
- Even when things don't go the way you hoped, God can make them work together for good! Pray and thank God for taking even the disappointments in life and making them good!