



A Baby Conceived (Luke 1, Matthew 1:18-25)

Sunday, December 2, 2018 AVBC 10:30 am

-Luke 1:5-25

- **GOD CONTROLS** _____

Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified... (1 Corinthians 1:22-23a)

-Luke 1:26-38

- **GOD HAS THE RIGHT TO _____ YOUR _____ WITH HIS PURPOSE.**

The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths. (Psalm 135:6)

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. (Colossians 1:16)

-Luke 1:39-49

- **GOD WANTS YOUR RESPONSE TO HIS PURPOSE TO BE _____.**

-Matthew 1:18-25

- **GOD WANTS YOUR RESPONSE TO HIS PLAN TO BE _____.**

Matthew 26:36, 39, 42, 44

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your Care group)

Q1: Someone once said that the best example of minority rule is a baby in the house. ☺ Have you experienced or witnessed a life turned upside down by the arrival of a baby? If so, describe.

Q2: Has the Lord ever over-ruled your plans with His purpose? If so, what was your immediate reaction? What was your ultimate response?

Q3: Study Luke 1:46-55. What does this passage reveal about Mary's theology? How do you think her understanding of who God is stabilized her in the midst of her messy and chaotic situation?

Q4: Re-read Matthew 1:18-25. What are some of Joseph's character traits that are revealed in this passage of scripture? How did he display courage and faith?

Q5: What are some possible "unrealistic expectations" we may have that contribute to our struggle regarding God's sovereign control over our life & circumstances? What biblical truths need to replace these faulty expectations?

Q6: Read John 3:1-10, 14-15. How does this text affirm the fact that our salvation is truly a "miraculous conception"? What part do we have to play? (note vs.14-15)

Q7: Is God doing a conception-type work in your heart and mind? Has He planted a new idea or passion inside you? Do you think He is about to "birth" something new in your life? If so, share.