

BIG IDEA

The part God is asking you to play may be unexpected but it is never accidental.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Think back on some of the most significant moments of your life. How many of those moments were expected? How many were unexpected?

Read Matthew 1:16-25. How would you tell this story in your own words?

Put yourself in the position of Joseph or Mary. What would it have been like to live in the scandal created by the virgin birth? What does their story teach us about the potential cost of playing our part in God's story?

Recall Proverbs 3:5-6 from last week's Sermon Companion. How does Joseph model this passage for us?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Describe a time when being faithful to God required you to be willing to look foolish. What did you learn?

Respond to the following quote from this week's message:
You never know how PLAYING your PART might factor in the Story of God.

How open are you to the "unexpected" in your relationship with God?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Read 2 Timothy 1:6-12. How does Paul's advice for Timothy apply to you? What part is God asking you to play in his story?

What options have you ruled out in your life based on fear? What third option is God presenting to you if you will move forward in faith?

What customs or traditions might God be asking you to violate in order to play your part in his story? What is keeping you from saying "yes"?

How does Joseph's faith in this story challenge you? What characteristics of Joseph do you most want to emulate?

