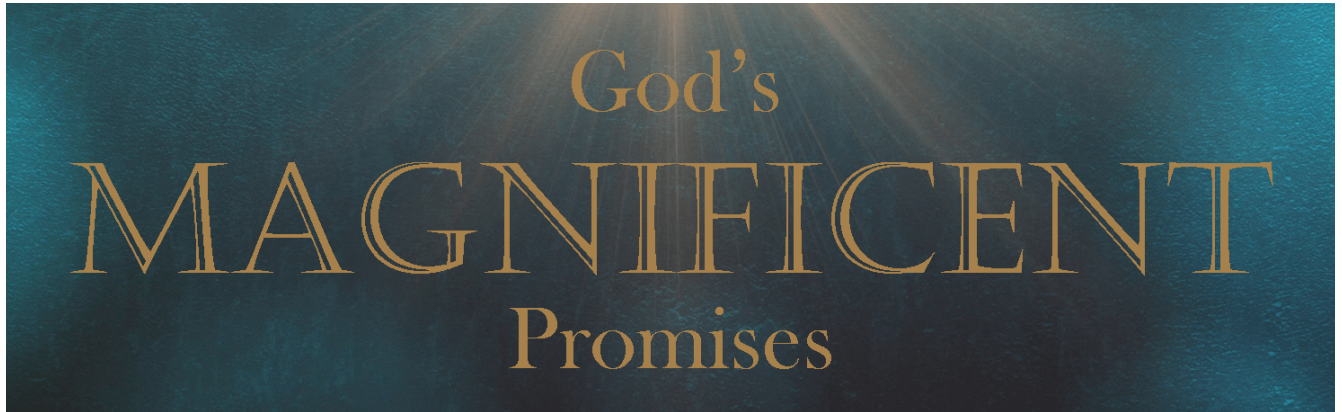


DECEMBER 5TH 2021

THE SILENT HERO

Matthew 1:18-25



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Icebreaker: Share some things you do as a family or individually to focus your hearts on Christ during this advent season.
- Read the passage out loud and take note of any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text to share with the group. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- This week, Pastor Paul talked about Joseph as the "Silent Hero" in this passage. Why do you think this title is fitting for Jesus's stepdad? Why is Joseph considered a righteous man?
- Why does the prophecy say His name would be "Immanuel", but the angel told Joseph to name Him "Jesus"?
- Read Matthew 2:13-15 Why does Matthew include this detail about Jesus's escape from Herod? What does the prophecy "Out of Egypt, I called my son" mean? (Hint: Think about Exodus)
- How are you focusing on the joy of Christ this season? Where are you growing in your discipleship?

Memory Verse: Matthew 1:23-25

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus."