

## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

*\*\*Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at [gbcmt.org/sermons](http://gbcmt.org/sermons) or on the GBC App*

### Prayer and Praise:

As a group, spend some time reflecting on the birth of Christ into the world.

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: *Silent Night*

### Together in the Word:

1. What do we know about Mary and Joseph from Matthew 1 and Luke 2?

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2. What births do you remember (family, friends)? What were some of the unusual events about Jesus' birth?\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Can you see Mary and Joseph as real people? What were they thinking and feeling?\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Who was Caesar Augustus? How powerful was he?\_\_\_\_\_

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5. From a human and a divine standpoint, why was Bethlehem the required place for Jesus' birth?\_\_\_\_\_

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6. What can we apply to our lives from the example of Mary and Joseph?\_\_\_\_\_

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## THE BIRTH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Luke 2:1-7

Series #7

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"The Birth that Changed the World."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is the single most important event in history?
2. How many verses does Dr. Luke give to this event?
3. If we are going to understand the story of Luke 2:1-7, we are going to have to push from our minds many of the images of what?
4. Many of our pictures of the birth of Jesus are formed in our minds because of what?
5. The historical framework of the birth of Christ is that it took place in the days of whom?
6. In what year did the Roman Senate give Octavian his title "Augustus"?
7. The pontifex maximus was what in ancient Rome?
8. Pontifex/pontiff became terms used for what group?
9. Joseph is portrayed as what kind of citizen?
10. What has vindicated Luke?
11. Quirinius governed what area?
12. Joseph and Mary were descendants of whom?
13. What was Mary and Joseph's place of tribal origin?

14. Were Mary and Joseph living in the same house at the time they had to go to Bethlehem?
15. The trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem is about how long?
16. Why does it say that Mary and Joseph went “up” to Jerusalem?
17. Joseph and Mary were in what period of the ancient marriage custom?
18. It is more likely that Joseph and Mary got to Bethlehem by doing what?
19. Is it likely that Mary went into labor right when they arrived in Bethlehem?
20. What prophet predicted that Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem?
21. What is one, of several reasons, why we know Mary had other children after Jesus?
22. How many of the gospels say something about the other children of Mary?
23. In Matthew 13:54-55, the people are naming whom?
24. Jesus didn't receive what from Mary?
25. Mary and Joseph had at least how many other children?
26. Anyone who is willing to let Scripture say what it is saying will have to admit that Joseph and Mary had what?
27. What was a sign that the angel who announced the birth of Jesus gave to the shepherds?
28. In homes in ancient Israel, they usually had two rooms, one exclusively for whom?
29. The room at the end of the house that was lower than the family living room was called the what?
30. The door on the lower level that entered this area was used for what?
31. How far back can these types of home be traced?
32. Everybody had a what in the house?
33. The Greek word Luke uses to refer to the “inn” refers to what?
34. Mary was hosted in what room?
35. Middle Eastern people have a tremendous capacity for showing honor to whom?
36. Where do we find the answer to, “Why was Jesus born”?
37. Were Mary and Joseph legally married at this time?
38. The angel tells Joseph that this child is going to do what?
39. Have you been saved from your sins?