

# Foster City and South Campus – September 24, 2017



Sermon Based Questions - Foster City & South Campus  
Matthew 1: 18-25 – Un-Average Joe

1. Describe a difficult decision where you tried hard to balance both justice and mercy. How did you end up resolving it?
2. What do you think Joseph was feeling when he found out Mary was pregnant? How was Joseph trying to be both lawful and merciful?
3. How did Joseph stand against the stigma of sin? What can we learn and apply when we study Joseph's obedience?
4. What does the name Jesus mean? What does it mean to you when you consider the three names given to Jesus in this passage: King, Savior from my sins and Emmanuel?
5. In particular why is Emmanuel such a radically different concept from what is taught in Greek philosophy and Islam?
6. What is the only explanation for God becoming Emmanuel? What does it mean to move into solidarity with sinners?
7. In what specific place in your sphere of influence can love take a better form that takes concrete action? What next step might God be calling you to take to exercise this kind of obedient love in your sphere of influence?
8. How might love take a form that takes concrete action inside your community group, and also outside your group as you consider ways to serve your surrounding community together?