

## **Sermon: Can God Trust You With Trouble?**

### **Text: Matthew 1:18-19**

#### **Start Talking**

Ask ... Next to your conversion experience, what is the most profound and defining moment in your life spiritually?

Ask ... What spiritual insights did you gain from your time in God's Word this week that you can practically apply in your life? How will that look when applied to your life?

#### **Start Thinking**

How did you honestly answer the question from the sermon ... 'Can God Trust You with Trouble?'

What parts of Mary's life do you identify with in relationship to your own personal spiritual journey?

In what ways did this sermon help you to face the problems in your life?

In what ways did this sermon impact you; challenge you; inspire you; and/or convict you?

#### **Start Praying**

Jesus, we ask you to strengthen our resolve to face our problems with our faith firmly intact in you. Thank you for your faithfulness to impart to us your sustaining grace and strength to remain faithful to you even when nothing is going as we planned. Help us keep our trust in you when we don't understand what is happening in our life and why it is happening. When we are faced with trouble, challenge us to use our faith and stay in the battle. Grant us the resolve to never quit and give up no matter what is happening in our life. We vow to you that we will not let anything or anyone stop us from pursuing your will for our life. We pray that as you observe our spiritual journey that you will have confidence that you can trust us with trouble. Amen!

#### **Start Doing**

Discuss ways you can strengthen your faith to stay in the battle when trouble comes. Discuss the ways that you can live your life in such a way that God will know that he can trust you with trouble. Ask the group to encourage each other and hold each other accountable to trust God, stay the course, and never quit when trouble comes.