

TO GO

1. Describe a time when you felt really sick? What would you have done to get rid of the symptoms of your illness? How, if at all, did your symptoms distract from your greater need?
2. Read Matthew 1:18–25. Review the implications of the virgin birth from last week. Consult your notes if necessary!
3. Read Matthew 1:21. What did the angel tell Joseph? How does the name Jesus reflect common 1st-Century Messianic expectation? What was Jesus' greater purpose? How does that inform our expectations about the symptoms of sin present in our society and present around us personally?
4. Read Romans 5:12–21. Why was a human representative necessary in order to be saved from our sins? How does Jesus meet that need?
5. Read Romans 10:9–10. Have you followed this exhortation? Have you confessed with your mouth and believed in your heart? Take a moment to clarify that before God. And if you haven't yet, do so now. If you have, give God thanks and worship Him for what He's done for you.