

Things I Learned from Charlie Brown – Week 2

Main Text: Matthew 1:18-25

Opening Question: *We each have a role within the Kingdom of God? What is your role/call? How did you receive direction from the Lord? How does knowing our role bring fulfillment?*

1) Every story has participants that play a role. (18-19)

- How many roles are there in Matthew 1:18-25? What types of roles exist? Can you relate to any of these roles? Why or why not?
- What was Joseph's role? What does it mean that Joseph was just? Why does the Bible say this? What actions support this statement? Did this quality help his role?
- What does the life of Joseph teach us about grace and mercy, both applied and received?

2) Participants must be willing to take direction! (20)

- Taking direction; how important is obedience in the Christian life? (John 14:15-17)
- Have you ever taken time to consider something that the Lord has called you to do? If comfortable, share! What was the outcome? How did God speak to you?
- Discuss what we learn from Joseph about appearance, affirmed and appointed. Has God done this for you? How so? (John 1:1-4; 2 Cor. 5:20; Matthew 28:19-20)

3) The righteous response to the Author and Director of our lives. (21-25)

- Joseph was called into history (HIS-STORY)! How has Jesus called us into His story? (Luke 9:23)
- What is the righteous response to the call of God? What do we learn from Joseph? Discuss what it means to:
 1. Acknowledge the call of God.
 2. Act upon the call of God.
 3. Accept the call of God
- Discuss how we can apply the 3 steps of a righteous response to our own lives.