



Hope for Everyone, Pt. 2: Plan B

Most people have an idea of how they see their life unfolding. We often call that our "Plan A." But when "Plan A" falls apart, it is so easy to feel that God has abandoned you, that he has turned his back on you, that he is against you. In this message we learn that couldn't be further from the truth!

Bottom Line: There is hope and purpose in "Plan B"

Discussion Questions:

1. Sometimes when things don't go as we had planned, we can laugh about it afterwards. Share about such an experience you've had.
2. Other times when things don't go as planned, it is a scary and painful experience. **Read Luke 1:26-35.** How might these events have been scary for Mary? Painful for Mary? How would you have reacted to such news?
3. Joseph was "betrothed" to Mary, which meant that they were bound together legally until a later date (usually a year) when they would begin living together. **Read Matthew 1:18-19.** When Joseph learned that Mary was pregnant, what do you think went through his mind? How would you have reacted?
4. Even after Joseph learned that Mary was pregnant through a miracle (**Matthew 1:20**), this changed his life. In what ways do you think this miraculous event changed his life? His plans for the future? Being a father?
5. When life presents situations you did not plan on (your Plan B instead of A), how do you tend to handle them?
6. **Read Psalm 23:4; Isaiah 41:10, 46:10; Hebrews 10:23, 13:5; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 1:6; Matthew 28:20; Romans 15:13.** What do you learn about God from these passages? In what ways do these passages bring encouragement when your "Plan A" goes out the window?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?