

Sermon Series: X Factor

Sermon Title: Altered Circumstances

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25; Matthew 2

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Big Idea: The addition of Jesus into this world and God's plan brought tension. Dealing with the tension that is Jesus is surrendering to His will.

Matthew 1:1-6

1. There was tension in his family tree.

Question 1 - How can our past cause tension in our present? How can we deal with it?

Matthew 1:18-25

2. There was tension with his mother and earthly father.

Question 2 - Share how pride can cause someone to make a bad decision.

Matthew 2:1-8,16

3. There was tension with his "king."

Question 3 - Why do you think Herod was threatened by Jesus?

Matthew 2:7-12

4. There was tension with his seekers.

Question 4 - Have you ever been caught in the middle of an awkward situation? How did you handle it?

Matthew 2:13,19-23

5. There was tension with his protection.

Question 5 - Share about a time when you were afraid or nervous to obey God. Tension is released when we talk with God, obey God, and put Jesus first.

Have someone at the table read 1 Corinthians 11:24-26. Have someone else pray. Take communion together.