Matthew 1

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus. (Matthew 1:18-25, ESV)
1. The family God chose for his Son is intended to be an ______________________ for us to follow.

2. Like Joseph, we should be committed to:
   (1) Sexual ______________________ before marriage.
   (2) Keeping our __________________ within marriage.
   (3) Doing what is ______________________ and treating people with ______________________.
   (4) Paying ______________________ to the Lord’s prompting and direction.
   (5) Taking decisive ______________________ to be obedient to the Lord – even when others may not understand.

3. As followers of Jesus, we should believe and affirm his ______________________.

4. The ______________________ of Jesus reveal both his identity and his mission.
   - Immanuel – “God with us”
   - Jesus – “God ____________”

     “you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (v.21b, ESV)

5. When we repent, believe, and follow Jesus as Lord, he saves us from . . .
   (1) The ______________________ of sin immediately – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1, ESV).
   (2) The ______________________ of sin progressively – “walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit” (Romans 8:4, ESV); “sin will have no dominion over you” (Romans 6:14, ESV).
   (3) The ______________________ of sin ultimately – in the heavenly New Jerusalem “nothing unclean will ever enter it” (Revelation 21:27a, ESV); sin will be banished forevermore!