

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

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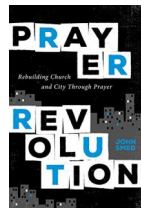
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1. God’s supernatural intervention given prophetically.
2. The marriage process in ancient times.
3. Imagine Mary trying to explain to Joseph (or others) what Gabriel had said to her.
4. Image Joseph thinking through and then receiving clarity by way of the angel.
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