



SMALLGROUPS

Weekly Group Questions & Practices

The following questions and practices are provided as a menu for you to select from; unless your group loves truly lengthy discussions, please don't try to do everything here! Choose the questions and activities that best suit your group and timeframe.

Date: **December 6, 2020**
Sermon: **Behind the Seen: Mary**
Passage: **Luke 1:26-38**

Discuss

1. What images or stories come to your mind when you hear the word peace?
2. Do you believe that you are “highly favoured” and that the “Lord is with you?” Why or why not?
3. Together work your way through vs. 32-33. What stands out to you about God’s plan for peace and the One who will bring it?
4. Gabriel tells Mary about Elizabeth. She must have felt less alone. Has our Lord brought a “partner in peace” into your life during this time?
5. “I am the Lord’s servant.” Tell of a time you surrendered a matter/relationship/crisis to God. How did that play out?

Going Deeper

These questions are intended to help you extend the conversation to other, related parts of Scripture. They take time. We suggest that you choose one or maybe two to focus on. Divide these verses up among your group and report back about the ancient background to Gabriel’s announcement to Mary in vs. 32-33.

2 Samuel 7:16
Psalm 89:3,4
Isaiah 9:7
Daniel 2:44
Daniel 7:14,27
Micah 5:2

What is the current situation in which you need to surrender to the One who is with you no matter what?

Close in prayer inviting our LORD's peace, wisdom and courage into each other's lives.

Soul Training: Pray Scripture

For each week of Advent, our soul training is to pray using different Scriptures for each week. Select a passage of Scripture to pray. (If you don't know where to start, some options of different length are included here.) Pray the passage aloud, repeating it through your time of prayer. Pay attention to anything that stands out to you and pray about that.

Luke 18:39

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.

Isaiah 26:3-4

You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.
Trust in the Lord forever,
for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.