

Group Life.

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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Share a favorite Christmas memory or tradition that reminds you of God's presence or goodness in your life.

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

What stands out to you from Pastor David's message?

The Christmas story is filled with moments of awe, surprise, and grace. God chose Mary, an unlikely young woman from an insignificant town, to give birth to the Savior of the world. Through Mary's story, we are reminded that God's favor is not earned but freely given. Today, we will reflect on Mary's response to God's calling and what it teaches us about trust and submission to His will.

INTO THE WORD (15 MINUTES)

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. How does this passage relate to the idea that God can take what we consider insignificant, like Nazareth, and do something of eternal importance from it?

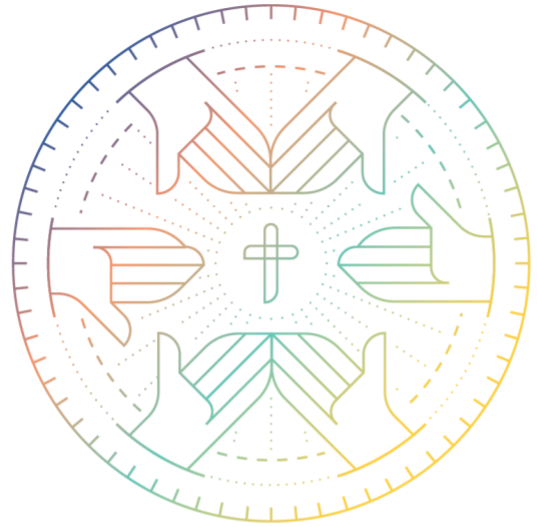
Read Luke 1:26-38. What stands out to you about Gabriel's message to Mary? How does Mary's response inspire or challenge your faith?

Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Grace is described as a gift from God. How does this passage connect with the message of Luke 1:28-30, and what does it mean to live in the favor of God?

Read Philippians 4:13 and Luke 1:35. Both passages highlight the "dynamis" (power) of God. How can we trust in God's power when facing circumstances that feel impossible or overwhelming?

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APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

What's one situation in your life where you would like to see the "dynamis" of God at work?

1. Trust Like Mary: Identify one area in your life where God might be calling you to trust Him, even if it feels uncertain or challenging. What step of faith can you take each day this week to respond with "Let it be to me according to Your word" (Luke 1:38)?

Grace = God's joy, pleasure, delight, loving-kindness, good-will, holy influence, and strength.

2. Live in Grace: Reflect on how God's favor and grace are evident in your life. Share one way you can Make God Known by showing His grace to others during this Christmas season.

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus, and for showing us what it means to trust You and live in Your favor. Help us to trust You like Mary did, even when the road ahead feels uncertain. Strengthen our faith through Your Holy Spirit and remind us that nothing is impossible with You. May Your grace flow through us each day as we share Your love with others this season. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Please remember to take attendance for your Group!