



EXPECTING CHRISTMAS

Luke 1:26 – 56 (ESV)
December 23 & 24, 2023
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MESSAGE NOTES

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" – Luke 1:34 (ESV)

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." – Luke 1:30 – 33 (ESV)

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. – Luke 1:38 (ESV)

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God ... – Luke 1:76 – 78 (ESV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Who is your favorite character in the Biblical Christmas story and why?
- Why is Mary's example such a powerful example of humility and surrender?
- How does surrender to God lead to blessing when it comes to facing unexpected things in life?
- What was the greatest takeaway for you this week from the message?
- What has been God teaching you this Christmas season?
- Read Luke 1:26 – 56. Brainstorm what the verses that speak to salvation and worship are teaching us.
- What are some unexpected things in your life that you are having to give over to God, whether they are good or challenging? Take some time to pray for one another in your group.