



Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What is one of your favorite Christmas Traditions?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read Luke 1:26-56. What jumps out at you in this story?
3. Please look at verse 37. Do you believe this verse? Really believe it?
 - a. So, why do we worry?
4. Do you believe in the Virgin Birth?
 - a. What ramifications does this belief have in your life?
5. What does the name of Jesus mean?
6. Please read Genesis 18:1-15. How does this story relate to the Angel's conversation with Mary?
 - a. How did Mary and Sara's response differ?
 - b. Which response is more like you? Why?
7. Mary had the favor of God over her life. How do you know if someone has the favor of God over their life?
 - a. How do you know if they don't have the favor of God?
8. Do you think it's possible for us to have spiritual blindspots in your life that are hindering our spiritual growth?
 - a. What might these blindspots look like?
9. What changes do you need to make in your life to experience the favor of God over your life?



Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- God can do a miracle in your Nazareth.
- "The favor of God is demonstrated delight. It's tangible evidence that a person has the approval of the Lord." - Unknown
- Jesus = "Yahweh saves" or "Yahweh is salvation."
- "73% of adults say they believe Jesus was born of a virgin." - Pew Research survey 2013.
- We have the capacity to believe something, and not consider the ramifications of what we believe.
- God will always prepare your heart for what's about to come.