

18. The Savior is Announced (Luke 1:26-38)

Connect

- What are you thankful for today?
- How have you seen God working in your life this past week?
- What difficulties are you experiencing in life? How may we help?
- How did you apply last session's discovery? What happened?
- With whom did you share last session's discovery? What was their response?

Instructions:

Please use the following steps to guide your discovery of God's truth in the passages below.

Discover

Step 1-Participants take turns reading sections of the passage (clarify new words/terms)

Step 2-One person reads the entire passage out loud while the rest listen

Step 3-A participant retells the passage in his/her own words (others add their thoughts)

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26In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, **27**to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. **28**Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!” **29**Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. **30**“Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! **31**You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. **32**He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. **33**And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!” **34**Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.” **35**The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. **36**What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. **37**For the word of God will never fail.” **38**Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.

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Ask/Answer:

- What does this passage mean?
- What do you like/not like about this passage?
- How does this passage change the way you see God/people?

Respond: If this is true...

- How should it change the way you live?
- With whom will you share today's discovery?