LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

DECEMBER 1 - 7, 2024

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WELCOME - (5-10 MINUTES)

Welcome Everyone. Introduce yourself and any new individuals.

Read ALL of the group goals and ONE guideline.



BREAK THE ICE:
What's the most surprising or unexpected thing you've ever been asked to do, and how did you respond?

Life Group Semester Break is coming!
Are you and your group prepared to stay connected over the break? Make plans to stay in touch, so that the transparency and comradery continues into 2025!

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WORSHIP ACTIVITY - (10-15 MINUTES)

Ask the Life Group to stand-up & sing together. If your group meets in public, ask a member to text out a song before the meeting and have everyone worship on the way!

Hard Fought Hallelujah by Brandon Lake

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WORD - (15-20 MINUTES) READ Luke 1:11-2:10, Matthew 1:18-20

1. What does this passage reveal about Joseph's character and his initial response to Mary's pregnancy?
2. How do the responses of Zechariah, Mary, and the shepherds differ when encountering the angel's message?
3. Because of Zechariah's disbelief, the Angel did what to him until after his son was born?
4. How does the angel Gabriel address Mary, and what is significant about the greeting "full of grace"?
5. What is the significance of Mary's visit to Elizabeth, and what does Elizabeth's greeting reveal about the Holy Spirit's work?
6. Why do you think God communicated with Joseph in a dream rather than through a direct encounter?
7. What does this passage teach us about trusting God even when faced with difficult situations?
8. What steps can you take to support and protect others as Joseph did for Mary, even in situations that may seem socially or personally challenging?
9. What can we learn about trusting God's promises when His plan doesn't align with our expectations?

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WITNESS - (10-15 MINUTES)

BREAKOUT TIME: Break into smaller, like-gendered groups of 3-4. Address the following questions:

- How would you react if God asked you to do something that seemed impossible or went against what others might expect?

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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- **One of the most important practices of a healthy Life Group is shared ministry! Pass around a notebook, paper or type it in the "chat" box and ask people to sign-up for:**
  - **Facilitating the discussion**
  - **Preparing the worship time**
  - **Ministering to the children**
  - **Bringing the drinks or snacks**
  - **Have Break-out Group Facilitators**
  - **Reading the Goals and ONE Guideline**
  - **Hosting Life Group next month online or in-person**
  - **OR something that your Life Group needs!**
- Sweet Christmas is happening at a campus near YOU! Ladies, grab your gal-pals and get ready for a night of refreshing fellowship, inspiring messages and delicious treats. To find out more, go to Celebrationchurch.org/Aspire
- **Life Group Semester Break is December 15 - January 11. Begin planning with your group how you will stay connected over the holidays.**
- How are you celebrating the birth of our Savior? This year we have wonderful Christmas Eve services planned for you, your family and friends. Join us for one of these distinct experiences as we honor Christ together. Learn more at: Celebrationchurch.org/Christmas.
- **Are you ready to kick-off the New Year with a fresh start? Begin planning now for a special time of Prayer and Fasting from January 5th - January 25th, 2025. These 21 days will be a unique and exciting time to hear from the Lord and grow deeper in our faith.**