LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

DECEMBER 8 - 14, 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 are your favorite things about Christmas?

The Celebration Life Group Pastors wish you and your Family a wonderful Christmas Season!

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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!

Manger Throne by Phil Wickham

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WORD - (15-20 MINUTES) READ Luke 1:18-20, 31-38, Matthew 1:18-23

1. Who are the three people mentioned in these verses and what was the message they received from the angel of the Lord?
2. How did each react and what was the outcome of their response?
3. What were the obstacles that each of them wrestled with concerning these pregnancies?
4. What specific names and roles are given to Jesus in these verses?
5. Why do you think each of them responded in such unique ways?
6. Why do you think Zechariah was struck mute for doubting the angel, while Mary was not?
7. What does the angel's proclamation reveal about God's hope for mankind?
8. How can Mary's response of faith inspire you to say yes to God's plan even in times of uncertainty?
9. In what ways does the truth of "God with us" (Matthew 1:23) shape how you move from doubt to hope?
10. Can you recall a time in your life when God transformed your doubt into hope?

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WITNESS - (10-15 MINUTES)

BREAKOUT TIME: Break into smaller, like-gendered groups of 3-4. Address the following question(s):

- What aspects of your life are leading you to experience doubt, while God is softly encouraging you to maintain your hope?
- Spend time praying for each other to overcome doubt and lean into hope.

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CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- **Has everyone in the Life Group completed First Steps? This is a great place to meet the staff, find out more about ministry opportunities, ask questions and get plugged into a great community of believers.**
- 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.