



THE STORY ANNUNCIATION & JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP

Read Luke 1:46-55 aloud. Take a moment to reflect on God's Word and center in Him.

FELLOWSHIP

What brought you joy this week?

DISCUSSION

1. Read Luke 1:26-38.
 - a. *What stands out to you in this passage?*
 - b. *What is the significance of this passage in The Story of God's people? For you?*
 - c. *How is Mary's response instructive to us? How would it look for you to live as "the Lord's servant" (v. 38)?*
2. *What is one thing that amazes you about the Christmas story this year? What is one thing that amazes you about God or your life with Him?*
3. *On Sunday, we sang "What Child is This?" Read the lyrics below:*

*What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!*

*Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The Cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word Made Flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!*



*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him!
The King of Kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him!
Raise, raise the song on high!
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy! joy! for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!*

4. Pastor Mike noted that the lyricist raises three questions: “Who is Jesus? What is he doing here? What are you going to do with Christ?”

- a. How does the song answer these three questions?*
- b. How would you answer these three questions?*

5. Paul writes, “God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him” (1 Cor. 1:27-29).

- a. Where do you see this concept reflected in The Story, especially in Jesus’ birth?*
- b. Have you seen this in your own life?*
- c. What might God be doing in your life now to align your values and thinking with His? Are you welcoming or resisting Him?*

6. How will you respond to what you’re learning about The Story this week?

PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests; try to remember any needs that came up during the fellowship or discussion time. Check in on requests from last week, if you can. Does anyone have a practical need that another group member may be able to help with?

Pray for group, church, and community needs. Thank God for all the blessings that were shared during your discussion time.



