

SERMON: An Announcement for the Doubtful
SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:1-25

SERIES: Hark: Christmas According to the Angels
SPEAKER: Pastor Mark
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THE GOAL: The primary goal of a small group at Grace is to develop a Christian community where Jesus is experienced through the gospel.

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS: Use these questions to explore how God is at work in our families, communities, workplaces, and church.

1. Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?
2. What temptations have you been facing this week? How is God delivering you?
3. How have you experienced God's grace this week?
4. In what ways are you growing in your love for God?
5. In what ways are you growing in your love for others?
6. Have you started or stopped something this week just because you love Jesus?

REVIEW: Use these questions to better understand and apply the passage/sermon.

Observation: as a group talk through and summarize the passage. Think through Who, What, Where, When, How, Why questions together.

Interpretation: answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?
3. What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace?
4. How does this passage point to Christ?

Application: answer these questions together:

1. How does this passage convict you? Encourage you? Inspire you?
2. What specific truth do you see about God and how would your life be different if you really believed it?
3. By God's grace, what commitments do you need to make this week? Or, what do you need to start obeying/believing?

GO DEEPER: Use these questions to go deeper into the passage, minds, and hearts.

1. Like Zechariah, have you ever doubted God? Is there a promise of God that you have trouble believing?
2. How does the historic truth of Jesus' death and resurrection allow us to trust God's promises? Think about why it is so important that our faith is rooted in objective facts and not just subjective ideas.
3. When Zechariah regained his voice he shared the good news of God. Read Luke 1:67-80. What elements of the gospel does Zechariah proclaim? How does his song encourage you today?
4. Can you think of a specific way you could share the good news this Christmas season?

Pray: Confess your doubts to God. Confess your trust in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Ask God for opportunities to believe and share the good news this month.