

Sermon: This Good News.
Series: Luke: Good News for Everyone

Scripture: Luke 1:1-25.
Date: November 26, 2023

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 us?

- a) Do you struggle to trust the veracity of the gospels in any way? As you read Luke's introduction (1:1-4) does it offer you confidence in the accuracy of this book? In what ways?
- b) If you were Theophilus what would you want to hear from Luke's gospel account?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Advent is God breaking into time and space. In what ways do we see God himself entering into history in this story? What does this event (5-25) tell us about God?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Luke gospel is historic truth and yet supernatural. Why is it so important that our salvation comes from trusting in an historic event? Why is it necessary to believe that our salvation is supernatural? What would happen if you eliminated either the historic or supernatural nature of the Gospel?
- b) Our union with Christ connects us supernaturally by faith to the historic Jesus. In what way is the Christian connected to Jesus' historic life? Death? Resurrection? Glorification?

APPLICATION

- a) Do you ever feel like God has given up on you or that you are disqualified from serving God in some way? How does the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth encourage you that the good news is for all of us, and that God can still use you?
- b) Read the description of John the Baptist in verses 14-17. In what ways does this describe every believer in Christ? Do you believe that you can be used by God just like John will be? Read Matthew 11:11 too.

PRAYER

- Acknowledge God's goodness in your life.
- Confess ways that you have doubted God like Zechariah.
- Thank Jesus for uniting his life to yours through the Holy Spirit.
- Ask God to help you to see that you are not disqualified from his love and grace.