

Making Application from the Message to Life:

5. In the text and in the message, we saw how God took an ordinary young girl, Mary, and carried out the miraculous through her. What does that tell us about how God can work in our own lives? How does a passage such as 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 help us see how and why God works in this way?

6. The Christmas story is not meant to be merely rehearsed. It reveals the “Advent” - the coming of Christ into the world - and therefore is meant to help us see Jesus. How do our hearts respond to the advent of Jesus and to what Scripture shows us about Him?

7. How can we take the miraculous announcement of our Savior’s arrival and share it with those around us who need to know Him? How can we announce the glory of Jesus to the world around us?

The Miracle of the Announcement

Luke 1:20-38

December 7, 2014

1. The Divine Plan (v. 20-25)

2. The Divine Prophecy (v. 26-33)

3. The Divine Power (v. 34-38)

Digging Deeper:

2. It's helpful to try to understand how the messages of Scripture would have been perceived when they were first announced. As you read Luke 1:26-38 (part of the text from the message), consider how this announcement would have impacted you if you had been the recipient. What stands out to you in the text?

3. What do the angel's words teach us about the nature of Jesus Christ and how He reveals Himself to humankind? Are there other passages or themes of Scripture that you can tie in to help strengthen your understanding of who Jesus is and what He came to do?

Message-Based Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever received a message or announcement that you found hard to believe? Explain the situation and your response?

4. As Mary processes the announcement she's receiving, what stands out to you about her response? How does the conversation with the angel (v. 34-38) help her understand that God is accomplishing the miraculous through her?