

Promise

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Luke 1:26-38

Advent and Ancient Promises

The Coming of Jesus fulfills Ancient Promises

Why a Promise?

Luke 1:26-38

Important Pattern in Bible ...

Encounter

An Encounter – Mary and the Angel Gabriel

This feels familiar

Promise

Words of the Angel

Echo Many OT passages

God Makes Promises

All through the Bible

Abraham – a family, a nation, a land

Moses – deliverance from oppression

David – a kingdom Line

Prophets – The right king

Jesus – Promise kept now!

Response

Mary's Response to the Message

Trust, Faith

Why Promises?

What does God want?

A clue in this “making of promises”

Relationship – Promises are relational

Trust, Faith – Kind of Relationship

Persevering Faith – Always Opposition!

Small Group Guide

Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

What is the best promise someone ever made to you?

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group?
(consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

Read Passage

Read this passage: Luke 1:26-38

Discuss a few of these questions:

How do you imagine Mary felt throughout this story?

Read Isaiah 9:6-7. Then read the words of the angel to Mary (vs 32-33). What is being said about Jesus?

How does Mary respond to the angel's message? What about Mary's attitude would be good for us to emulate?

It could be said that Jesus fulfilled these promises, but in a surprising way. What would you have expected if you heard these promises? How was Jesus' life surprising in light of them? What does that mean for us as we consider God's promises?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other.

You may want to share specific requests.