

12-05-24 Facilitator “The Angel’s Announcements”

Pray Together:

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, our Maker and Redeemer. Praise the Father for sending His Son, and praise the Son for His Incarnation, and praise the Holy Spirit for His work to empower His mission.
2. How have you lived in scandalous ways, seeking to have life outside the bounds of God’s design? Confess your guilt and shame to Jesus asking Him to forgive you for defacing the goodness of what He designed you for.
3. Give thanks for Jesus coming in such a way as to enter into the very nature of our disgrace to save sinners like us! Thank Him that in the place of shame He would glorify His Name.
4. Who do you know that is disgraced or who has suffered shame? Pray for them, asking the Lord to show Himself merciful and powerful to them, and to strengthen them to be faithful and joyful in Jesus’ love and glory.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit for courage to be boldly identified with Jesus, especially as this season gives us more occasions than usual to speak up for Him. Pray for such fullness in His love to risk earthly shame to be known as belonging to Jesus.

General Discussion Questions:

- What encouraged you from worship this morning? (Think through the WHOLE service)
- What illustrations or points resonated with you in your personal circumstances?
- What do you love more about Father, Son, and Holy Spirit today?

Specific Sermon Discussion Questions:

A. God Sees: We are in Need

- What if you’re offered a solution to a problem you don’t think you have?
- What pattern is discernible in Scripture about God’s promises to His people?

B. God’s Gracious Provision

- How is this Child an answer to the greatest threats we’ve ever faced?
- If you trust in Jesus, do you understand that God Himself takes you into this larger story?
If you really knew that what would change?

C. A Faithful Response

- How do Joseph and Mary give us a pattern for true repentance and faith?
- What is the result of their faithful response? What does this tell us about our own personal faithful responses?