

**“Great Expectations”**

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
<p><b>Prayer Requests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leader:</b> Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or ending of the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scripture Memory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can anyone recite Luke 1:25 or any other verses that we have memorized this semester?</li> </ul> <p><b>Note To Leaders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *There is a lot of Scripture reading in this week’s guide. Feel free to pick and choose as time allows.</li> <li>• <b>First Trimester</b> ends on <b>Dec 14</b></li> <li>• <b>Second Trimester</b> begins on <b>Jan 5</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Samuel 7:1-17</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In what ways did Nathan’s prophecy apply to Solomon?</li> <li>• In what ways did Nathan’s prophecy apply to Jesus?</li> </ul> <p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke 1:26-38</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What new insights do you have about this passage now that we have studied some of the OT prophecies about the Messiah?</li> </ul>
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isaiah 7:3-17</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor Dave explained that this prophecy likely applied to a child who would be born at this time named “Immanuel” <b>and</b> to Jesus, as a greater fulfillment of this prophecy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isaiah 9:2; 9:6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why does this passage not work that way? Why can this only pertain to one person (i.e. Jesus)?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Application</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When God gave Elizabeth a son, He took away her reproach. When God gave Mary a Son, He added reproach to her.</li> <li>• Has God ever asked you to do something that was difficult? Or something that others may have ridiculed you for? If so, what was it? And how hard was it to say “yes” to God?</li> <li>• God’s plan of redemption took humility on Mary’s part, on Jesus’ part, and on our part to receive it.</li> <li>• As a group, pray for the humility it takes to be followers of Jesus, and to follow Mary’s example of servanthood.</li> </ul> <p><b>Memorize</b> Luke 1:31-33</p>