



Sermon Discussion Guide

December 7, 2025

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: God's interruptions can increase our trust in God's plans.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. Which word describes your level of preferred planning:
 - Rigid
 - Systematic
 - Perfectionistic
 - Proactive
 - Disciplined
 - Relaxed
 - Disorganized
 - Chaotic
 - Messy
2. What are you looking forward to over the next three weeks?

Transition / Open in prayer

3. What are some questions you can use to evaluate if you are doing things God's way or your own way?

Life Examination:

READ Luke 1:26-38

4. What do we learn about Joseph and Mary in this passage?
5. What does it mean to be favored by God?
6. What do you think about how Gabriel describes Jesus? Would you add anything to the description?
7. Does the angel answer Mary's question in verse 34? Why or why not?

READ Romans 5:1-8

8. What does Paul mean when he writes that we will have peace with God?
9. What does it look like to rejoice in our sufferings?
10. How is God's love described in verses 6-8?

Life Application:

11. What are some ways that God has shown His favor to you?
12. Has God ever adjusted your well-made plans in an unexpected way? What did you learn through that experience?
13. Describe a season in your life when a hardship took you through the cycle of suffering – perseverance – character – hope.
14. Where is suffering showing up in your life these days? How can you allow the Spirit of God to move you toward hope?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask God to grow trust in our hearts as we walk with Him.