

The Eternal King: Giver of Hope
Scripture Used: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon Discussion Guide (12/03)



Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read Luke 1:26-38 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

In verse 29, why do you think Mary was greatly troubled?

How does verse 37 give hope not just to Mary but to us today, living in 2023?

In verse 38, why is Mary able to respond to Gabriel's words with faithfulness and obedience?

Read Luke 1:46-55. How does this Scripture show Mary's desire to be the Lord's servant?

Application

For children, Christmas is the ultimate time of hope. Their days leading up to Christmas are filled with excitement and anticipation, but for adults, our hope often decreases in strength as we realize what we don't have and can't control. In your faith, has the hope you have in Christ increased or decreased over time? Why do you think this has occurred?

As we enter into the season of Advent, it can be easy to let our minds be consumed with many things, but there is only one real reason for celebration on Christmas. What can you do to keep the hope you have in Christ and the gift of salvation that God has given you as your main focus this Advent season?

Today, do you feel like your faith is most similar to Zechariah, Elizabeth, or Mary? What would your life look like if you became more like Mary and fully realized the hope you have in your heart through your actions?

Pastor Kenny concluded his sermon by asking us who we could share hope with during this Advent season. Who is God calling you to give the gift of hope to, and what steps will you take this week to share this hope with them?

Prayer

Conclude your time by offering a prayer to God. Praise God that every word He has spoken will be fulfilled in His time. If you have been convicted of any sin during this time, confess that sin to God. Thank God for His Word, which shows us why we can confidently place our hope in Him. Ask God to show us how we can share the hope He has given us with those around us.

Meditation Prayer for the Week: Repeat and meditate on this Scripture "For no word from God will ever fail." (Luke 1:37).

Think about these words while you are going about your daily tasks. You could say these words while you are cooking dinner, driving to an appointment, or completing household chores. Doing this will allow you to refocus your mind on God and His truths.