



## Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Fear Not's of Christmas*

Text: Various Scriptures

Service Date: December 14, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### Getting Started

- In the midst of this Christmas season, how would you describe your emotional “state” right now (hectic, excited, exhausted, etc.)?
- Each year, do you find that typically by the end of the Christmas season you are spiritual stronger, the same, or weaker than when you began?

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### Sermon Discussion

- In the Charlie Brown illustration, Linus drops his blanket when he says “Fear not.” What does that moment symbolize for you personally, and what “security blankets” do people often cling to today?
- The sermon highlighted that Christmas can be a fearful season for many. Which of the fears mentioned (financial stress, loneliness, grief, family tension, perfectionism, etc.) do you think is most common, and why?
- Have you personally experienced a specific fear during the Christmas season? What helped you walk through it?
- Zechariah’s story shows that God answers prayer—even after long silence. When have you waited a long time for God to answer a prayer? What did you learn in that waiting?
- The sermon emphasized praying specifically rather than generally. What does specific prayer look like in your life right now?
- Zechariah doubted God’s promise because of what he saw as an impossible situation. What “impossible” situation in your life needs a renewed belief that God can act?
- Mary struggled with the timing of God’s promise. How do you respond when God’s timing doesn’t match your expectations?
- God fulfills every promise He makes. Which promise from Scripture is most encouraging to you in this current season of life?

- The candy cane illustration shows multiple symbols pointing to Jesus. What common Christmas item or tradition helps you remember spiritual truth?
  - The shepherds heard, “Do not be afraid... I bring you good news.” What is one area of your life right now where you need to hear that same message?
  - The manger represents the messiness Jesus willingly entered. How does knowing Jesus stepped into a messy world change the way you see your own mess?
  - We often try to present a “picture-perfect Christmas,” just like Hallmark movies. What pressures do you feel to appear “perfect,” especially during this season?
  - The illustration about the old Santa decoration revealed how messy things look on the inside when the light shines through. What internal struggles or fears are easier to hide but difficult to deal with?
  - “None of us are too messy for the Savior.” What part of this message gives you the most hope?
  - The three angelic messages all included the phrase “Do not be afraid.” Which of the three lessons (God answers prayer, God keeps His promises, God has a purpose) speaks most clearly to you, and why?
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### **This Week’s Action Response**

- If you have a specific fear in your life right now, what is your plan for exchanging that fear with faith?
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### **Christmas Service Invite**

- Who will you invite to attend a Christmas service with you? There will be six service time options. Visit [tri-village.org/Christmas](http://tri-village.org/Christmas) to see the time options.