***Sermon-based Growth Group***
***"The Prelude: Announcing the Savior"***
***Luke 1:26-38***
***Questions***
**December 4, 2022**

**Introductory Discussion: What from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?**

1. **Why do you think God decided to come down in the form of a baby?**

2. **Pastor Mark talked about all of the conditions that God set up to prepare the world for the coming Messiah. What does that tell us about how God is working in your life?**

    a. **What does it do for our faith when God reveals to us how he is working?**

3. **If sin came to us through Adam, how does Jesus's birth sever that connection?**

4. **In verse 28, Gabriel came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" Why do you think Mary was troubled by what Gabriel said (verse 29)?**

    a. **How does this show her humility?**

5. **How do you think Mary used her experience in this passage to guide her in her life as Jesus's mother?**

    a. **How can we use our experiences of God in the past to help our faith now?**

6. **What process does Mary use in this passage to overcome doubt?**

    a. **Is her question in verse 34 inappropriate?**

    b. **What 3 answers does Gabriel give in verses 35-37 to help build her faith.**

    c. **How does Mary respond?**

7. **How does Mary's response reveal her spiritual state?**

    a. **Her response in verse 29 shows she has reason to be humble; she's not perfect, but is she righteous (see Genesis 15:6)?**

    b. **How can we be righteous?**

    c. **How does this kind of righteousness affect the way you live?**