



December 7th

“Songs of Christmas” O Little Town of Bethlehem

Big Idea: God does amazing things with unsuspecting humble people.

Open it: Tell of a time where you had great joy at Christmas.
Tell of a time when you had sorrow at Christmas.

It is difficult to cut through all the pictures and images that are laid before us during the Christmas season. This lesson will focus on the real story of Mary. Not the plastic story of an angelic existence but the story of a peasant teenager who made a decision to trust God. That decision led her to a life of adventure that included amazing joys and amazing pain. Our lives too are an adventure. The question is will we make a decision to let God lead that adventure. God is ready to do amazing things with unsuspecting and humble people.

Dig It: Read Luke 1:26-38

1. Knowing Mary is poor, young and from a no name place, How amazing is this story?
2. Why do you think Mary is “greatly troubled?” vs. 39?
3. How do you think the conversation went with Joseph after this visit with the angel?
4. We talked a lot about the “Big Decision” Mary made in verse 38 in the lesson this week. How does that decision help her with all the unknowns that are in her future?

Read Luke 2:28-35

1. Does the message from Simeon portray joy for Mary or pain? Or both?
2. What do you think Mary thought when she heard that this baby will “pierce her own soul?”

Reflect on it:

1. How does making the “big decision” to follow God help us in facing all the unknowns in our life?
2. If you were to answer the question who am I? Would you say I am the Lord’s servant? What else might you say?
3. If you are married, how does the decision to remain faithful and the decision to love each other affect every day actions?
4. How has following God been a blessing to you in times of Joy and times of pain?
5. What amazing thing have you seen God do with unsuspecting and humble people?

Do it:

1. What do you need to do in your life to be able to say, “I am the Lord’s servant?”
2. Pray as a group that we can live out the “Big Decision” to follow God.

