



Keeping Christmas Like Mary: Contemplation

Life Group Study, Week of November 27, 2022

Engage.

What's your favorite Christmas movie of all? Why?

Look at the Book. Read Luke 1:26-56

If you had the opportunity to hear the message on Sunday, was there a scripture, a thought or an impression that moved you personally? Did you have any questions?

What do you think it mean to truly “keep Christmas?”

What prevents us from truly *keeping Christmas*?

What are we to make of the angel's greeting, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you,” (v. 28) and his statement, “you have found favor with God” (v. 30)? In what sense was Mary the recipient of God's *favor*?

What stands out to you about Mary's response to the angel in verses 28-38?

What might Mary have correctly anticipated that choosing obedience would mean?

What outcomes might she never have been able to anticipate?

What focus did Mary choose amidst the chaos that followed her decision? Read Luke 2:19; Psalm 131:2; 62:1.

Apply:

What image of the woman Mary was emerges from the passages we have read this evening?

What insights into what it means to “keep Christmas” can we learn from her?

How do you personally want to respond to her model?

Prayer Requests: