



Cured by Christmas

The Chapel
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WEEK 2 – THE CURE FOR INSIGNIFICANCE

OPEN IN PRAYER

WORSHIP: Mary Did You Know?



GET STARTED: (Choose 1)

- Share YOUR STORY about how you have experienced insignificance and how Christ has brought healing.
- Think of someone whose life radically changed because they accepted Christ into their life. What difference has Christ made as they obeyed or obey God’s purposes for them?

READ & DISCUSS: Luke 1:26-38

Read the passage and discuss the following:

Q1 - What is the “big idea” of the passage?

Q2 – The angel Gabriel’s message to Mary shows God’s grace: “You who are highly favored, the LORD is with you” and “You have found favor with God”. Grace means receiving goodness we don’t deserve. Mary, an ordinary teenager engaged to a humble carpenter, was a sinner like all of us. Yet, God chose her to be the mother of Jesus, the Messiah! How would you have received this news? How has God shown you unmerited grace? How do you experience God’s presence in your life?

Q3 - Mary trusted in God’s plan when she became pregnant and gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God and eternal King. Gabriel announced that the Holy Spirit’s power would accomplish this. The same Holy Spirit lives in all who trust in Christ. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit giving you wisdom, strength, or willpower in a situation where you couldn’t rely on your own ability?

Q4 - Mary was chosen by God to fulfill His plan by bringing Jesus into the world and raising Him. Her purpose was to yield, trust, love and raise Jesus Christ the child. What a privilege, an awesome and humbling task! Where do you see God using you, or where do you feel He is calling you now? (This can be in your work, sharing Christ, serving others, or a specific mission.) How do you respond to God’s prompting? When you’ve said “yes” to Him, what blessings have you experienced?

APPLY: Mary submitted to God's life-changing plan with trust and submission. What is one step you can take this week to embrace God's love for you and follow His call, relying on the Holy Spirit's power? God created you with great purpose. When you yield to His plans, your life has lasting significance.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Have group members write down a personal area where they are experiencing insignificance on strips of paper and place them in a bowl (anonymously). When everyone is done, pass the bowl around and have each member draw a random strip. Pray as a group, inviting everyone to pray for healing in the specific situation written on the strip of paper that they drew.