

December 7- December 8, 2024

Title: Prince of Peace, Pt 2: “Will you Behold Him?” – Luke 1:26-38

Big Idea: Jesus is the Promised King who works in Powerful ways, calling you to Participate.

Read Luke 1:26-38 and pray.

What in the message stood out to you?

What questions do you have?

How does understanding Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promise to David (2 Samuel 7:12-16) and His eternal reign (Luke 1:32-33) deepen your trust in God's faithfulness?

Why do we often place so much hope in earthly leaders and systems? How is Jesus' kingdom different from the kingdoms of this world?

- Psalm 146:3-5 warns against trusting in princes. How does this passage challenge your perspective on where you place your hope?

Why is it important theologically that Jesus is truly God and truly man (John 1:14; Philippians 2:6-8)?

- How does this truth impact your understanding of Jesus' sacrifice and His ability to relate to your struggles?

What promises from God are you holding on to right now? How does knowing that "all the promises of God find their Yes in Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:20) give you hope?

- How can Hebrews 10:23 ("He who promised is faithful") strengthen your trust in Christ's fulfillment of God's promises?

Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Are there areas where you struggle to surrender your plans to God? Reflect on Proverbs 3:5-6. What holds you back?

Can you share a time when God worked in an unexpected way in your life? How did you respond, and how does Isaiah 55:8-9 ("My ways are higher than your ways") help you trust in His plans?

How can you bring the peace of Christ into your home, community, or workplace this week? Reflect on John 14:27. What practical steps can you take to live out Colossians 3:15?

“Next Steps” Takeaways – Discuss and pray through the following:

With God: Participate in prayerful repentance; asking the LORD to forgive you for ways you haven’t trusted Him. Meditate on a passage of scripture that gives you peace in Christ.

With Others: Participate in the advent devotionals – schedule the time that you will be intentional about pausing to reflect and celebrate our Promised King Jesus. (You’ll find the devotionals in the foyer)

On Mission: Participate in our Local Outreach Supply Drive

- We are partnering with some local shelters and schools to provide for some of the physical needs of vulnerable students— and to encourage teachers. In the foyer— you’ll see a sleigh with tags of the items that need to be purchased. Take the tag home that you want to provide for and bring those items back to the sleigh or the front office, by the end of the month.