



# Remember This

Connect Guide Dec. 16 & 17

Advent Week Three

*Take this paper and take the sermon home with you. Reflect on the passage and discussion questions. Consider how to apply the message to your life. Study alone or gather a group. This guide will enrich and encourage you on your path to discipleship and deepen your relationship with God*

## Scripture

Luke 1:26-38 ... *In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.*



## Discuss

1. The Advent sermon series is "Remember This." We will be following along the appointed lectionary readings with many other denominational churches this year. This week we are talking about Jesus stepping into our messes. Are you generally a neat freak or mess maker?
2. Pastor Rich said, "The longer you live in sin the less you remain aware of or concerned about sin." Has there been in a time in your life you were living "in sin" and became convicted of it?
3. Look up Romans 5:18. What does this verse mean? What does this verse have to do with the Christmas story?
4. Look up Isaiah 49:6. Who does it say Jesus came for?
5. How is Jesus's coming monumentally universal and personal?
6. What's personal about the words in Luke 1:28 & John 1:14?
7. How is the "gift of Christmas" (Jesus' birth) universal?

## Apply

To a teenage girl, in a nowhere town, the Gift of Jesus was very personal. And He is for you, too. Remember this, and take advantage of His gift. Next week, on Saturday, December 23, we move into Christmas Eve mode with plenty of space available at the 9pm service. Sunday morning, December 24 will be treated as Christmas Eve. There are only two services that morning: 8:30 Traditional and 10:30 Family and Children Service. For those who travel on Christmas Eve or who don't want to drive after dark, that's a great option. Sunday evening, there are 4 more services from which you can choose. If you are coming that evening consider the 9pm service that should have plenty of space. Here's something that makes next weekend so special: **it's the last Christmas we'll spend in the present Sanctuary.** So, *remember this*, and be blessed as you come to worship. Lectionary passages for this week are: Isaiah 61:1-11, Psalm 126 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24.

## Prayer

God, help us to remember your irresistible invitation to us this Advent. Show us how your hope, peace, joy and love are free gifts that we only need to accept. Open our hearts and minds to prepare for your coming. Grow us each day in deeper relationship with you. In Jesus Name, Amen.