



## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

### **11.30.25 Message | Tyler Myers | Luke 1:26–38; Matthew 1:18–25**

Note: This discussion guide is designed for both group and individual use. While some questions are written with group discussion in mind, individuals can still use this guide for personal reflection, journaling, and prayer. Simply adapt any group-oriented questions for your own study time.

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## **LOOK BACK - Relationship & Accountability (~15% of your discussion)**

### **→ Share Life**

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What has been causing you stress lately?
- Who in your community needs help right now, and how can our group come alongside them?

### **→ Follow Up From Last Time**

- Retell what we discussed in our previous gathering.
- What actions did you take in response?
- Did you share anything from our last study with someone else? How did they respond?

## **LOOK UP – Scripture & Discovery (~60%)**

### **→ Read (twice, in different translations)**

- Read the text you are studying this week in the ESV out loud.
- Read the text you are studying this week a second time in an alternate version.

### **→ Retell**

- In your own words, summarize what the author is saying in this passage.

## Key Scripture (ESV)

*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

- Luke 1:26–38

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.*

- Matthew 1:18–25

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## MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Israel's long wait made the coming Messiah seem impossible—but God was silently preparing the way.
  - God broke 400 years of silence with angelic messages announcing that the impossible was becoming reality.
  - Mary and Joseph showed stunning resolve because they relentlessly remembered God's authority and his track record of doing the impossible.
  - The angel's words—"Nothing is impossible with God"—are both a declaration and an invitation to remember God's past faithfulness.
  - The second coming feels delayed, but it is never impossible—because God has already proven he brings the impossible to pass.
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## CONVERSATION STARTER

What's something in your life that felt impossible at first—but eventually surprised you?

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## DISCUSS THE MESSAGE (Does your group understand the message?)

- What did you like about this passage?
- Did you find anything difficult about this passage?
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about people?

## THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

1. Why do long seasons of silence or waiting make us question God's promises, similar to Israel's 400-year wait? What doubts tend to rise in you during those seasons?
  2. Mary and Joseph pressed on because they remembered God's authority and his past works. What specific things has God done in your life that you need to "relentlessly remember" right now?
  3. The angel's message is both a declaration and an invitation: "Nothing is impossible with God." Which part is harder for you—believing the declaration or accepting the invitation to trust it? Why?
  4. In what ways does the delay of Jesus's second coming shape your hope, your fears or your expectations? How does remembering God's past impossibilities strengthen your hope in his future promises?
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## LOOK FORWARD – Application & Mission (~25%)

### → Inside Me

- According to this sermon, what am I doing well in keeping Christ at the center of my life?
- What needs to change so that Jesus—not my preferences—remains the center?

### → Who Else?

- Who in my life needs to hear about Jesus as the true center of all things?
- How can I share this truth or invite them to explore it with me this week?

### → Pray Together

- Pray for a clear vision to see Jesus as central in all things.
- Pray for strength to resist false "gospels" that compete for our allegiance.
- Pray for courage to share Christ's supremacy with others and live as his witnesses.