RECAPTURING THE HOLY

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Luke 1:26-38

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This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they live and learn together each week. The sermons and guides can be found at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Talk to your group about a time when you became especially aware of God's presence. What made that moment meaningful? Looking back, would you consider that moment "holy"? Why or why not?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, Pastor Pat invited us to recapture the wonder of God becoming human through three "holies" of the incarnation.

The Holies of the Incarnation

1. Holy Angel (Luke 1:26–28)

- *God sent Gabriel to deliver His message. Our faith rests on the words of God.*
  - God sent His angel to an ordinary woman in a small town. What does this reveal about how God works?
  - Read Hebrews 11:1. How does faith in God's Word help us trust Him when we cannot see what He is doing?

2. Holy Woman (Luke 1:29–30, 34, 38)

- *Mary received God's favor and believed His message. She trusted Him before she understood how His promise would happen.*
  - Compare Mary's question in verse 34 with Zechariah's question in verse 18. What is the difference between seeking understanding and demanding proof?
  - Read verse 38. Where do you need to respond this week with Mary's willingness to trust and obey?

3. Holy Child (Luke 1:31–35)

- *Jesus remained fully God and became fully human. He came to save His people from their sins and reign forever.*
  - What do Jesus' name, titles, and promised kingdom reveal about Him? Which truth most strengthens your faith today?
  - Read John 1:14 and Matthew 1:21. Why does it matter that Jesus became human to save us? How can this truth renew your worship?

Elizabeth's pregnancy reminded Mary that nothing is impossible with God. What person or situation have you stopped praying for because change seems impossible? How can you trust God's power while submitting to His will?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As you close, pray together as a group.
  - Praise Jesus for becoming human to save us.
  - Ask God to restore your wonder and strengthen your trust in His Word.
  - Bring difficult situations to Him. Pray for those who need to believe in Jesus.

