Grace Groups Homework

"The Good News Announced"

Luke 1:26–38 2 December 2018

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. "I've got good news and bad news." What has been your most memorable hearing of this statement?

APOLOGETIC

2. Why is the incarnation—God come in the flesh as a man—an essential part of the Christian faith? What else about his birth was unique and yet fundamental to our faith?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Do you think that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was desirous of the reverence that has been shown her? Is she deserving of such recognition?

4. Compare and contrast the reactions of Zachariah and Mary at their respective hearing of good news. What does their response tell us about their fundamental appreciation of God's character?

5. Verse 35 speaks about the work of the Holy Spirit at the incarnation. Where else in Scripture do you see the Spirit working in such miraculous ways? Does the Spirit still work in this way?

6. Mary's faith was greatly strengthened and her resolve encouraged when she learned of her cousin Elizabeth's pregnancy and of God's sustaining grace to Zachariah and Elizabeth. What experiences have you had that will allow you to be someone else's faith-builder? Who has helped strengthen your resolve?

7. How do you plan to preserve and even increase your wonder and worship of Christ during this Advent season?

As you do your regular grocery shopping, please remember to add something to your trolley to donate to the Food for the Family ministry. Regularly used items include: rice (1kg or 2kg); juice; washing powder (auto or hand wash); cooking oil (750ml or 2-litre); peanut butter; syrup; jam; tea; coffee; sandwich spread; pilchards; tuna; cake flour; baked beans; butter beans; mixed vegetables; tomato and onion mix; other canned foods; Cremora or long-life milk; pasta; noodles; condiments (tomato sauce, mustard), etc.; sugar (1kg or 2.5kg); mielie meal; bath soap; deodorant (roll-on); toothpaste. Speak to Patson Ngidi for more information.