

## Small Group and Personal Bible Study

Small group leaders, this week we begin to focus on the Christmas story. This week's study is meant to allow people to reflect on how God has poured out blessing upon their lives. The scripture reference is from Luke 1:28 which Tim will preach on Sunday and I have included as the memory verse this week. I have paraphrased the verse to shed light on the meaning behind this very famous Christmas greeting from the angels to Mary. Tim will speak on this Sunday.

### Memory Verse: Luke 1:28

"Greetings, you are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

*My paraphrase: Joy and peace to you, because God has chosen to pour out His grace upon you and promised to be with you always.*

### Study Questions:

In Pastor Tim's message we find three blessings from Christmas. Each of those blessings were poured out on Mary and continue to be poured out on us as well.

1. What is the blessing of God's peace?

Scriptures to consider are: Colossians 1:15-19, Romans 5:1-8, John 14:25-27, John 16:33, Philippians 4:6-7, Luke 2:14.

2. How have you experienced the blessing of God's peace in your life through Jesus Christ?

Allow people to reflect and share the blessing of peace in their lives.

3. What is the blessing of God's grace?

Scriptures to consider are: Titus 3:4-7, 1 Timothy 1:12-16, Romans 3:23-24, Ephesians 2:8, Hebrews 4:16

4. How have you experienced the blessing of God's grace in your life through Jesus Christ?

Allow people to reflect and share the blessing of grace in their lives.

5. What is the blessing of God's presence?

Scriptures to consider are: Hebrews 13:6, 1 John 4:4, Matthew 28:20, and Psalm 145:18

6. How have you experienced the blessing of God's presence in your life through Jesus Christ?

Allow people to reflect and share the blessing of God's presence in their lives.

### Daily Reading: The Christmas Story (Part 1)

- Day 1 - Luke 1:5-25
- Day 2 - Luke 1:26-38
- Day 3 - Luke 1:9-56
- Day 4 - Luke 1:57-66
- Day 5 - Luke 1:67-80