

P R E S E N C E

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS



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Discussion Questions

- 1). God is with us! Read and ponder the following Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah: Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7, Micah 5:2, Zechariah 9:9. Which character attributes resonate with the needs of our world today? What about in your group setting -- or your own soul. What promise/vision/challenge/perspective grabs your attention and needs to be remembered again as you step into the Christmas Season with Jesus?
- 2). Indeed God has reconciled the world through Jesus Christ. Although Mary, the mother of Jesus, isn't in the position of being a co-redeemer, her role in God's redemption story is essential. What do her initial response to Gabriel (Luke 1:38) and her Song (Luke 1:46-55) tell us about her character and approach to obeying the Lord?
- 3). As God breaks into our lives, He stirs us up and often leads us beyond our comfort. Have you ever been asked by God to take a risk? Is He asking you to take a risk now -- perhaps something that will be misunderstood, helping a person most others ignore, giving your resources away, or the like? What happens if you obey? What happens if you don't?
- 4). Is there a situation in your life where you're feeling confused, either by what God has said OR His silence? How are you praying about this? How can others pray for and with you as you seek clarity?
- 5). How is it with your soul? Are things stagnant and needing to be agitated? Are you continually drinking from the well of Living Water (John 4:14) that the Savior offers to us now? Are you feeling confused by something that needs God's clarity? Are you asking? Are you hungry for righteousness? Are you looking for God to break into your life this Advent season?

Notes

Key Verses

Luke 1:26-38