

## SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **December 8, 2013 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), “God’s Christmas Preparations, Part 2.” Please read the sermon passage (Luke 1:26-38) together out loud.

### Small Group Questions (Luke 1:26-38)

#### Sermon Outline:

In the prep for Christ’s birth:

1. God’s presence is assured (vv 26-28)
2. God’s promise is fulfilled (vv 29-33)
3. God’s power is revealed (vv 34-38)

#### Small Group Discussion Questions

1. This Christmas, “Immanuel” guarantees that God is with us, and he is with you. In what ways do you battle loneliness at Christmastime?
2. Loneliness can be overcome by pressing into the reality of God’s presence. He is a friend who is with you. In what ways do you share your burdens with God? How do you ask him to work? How do you wait for him? In what ways has his presence carried you?
3. When God showed up in Mary’s life, all of her “dreams” (marriage, parenting, a simple life) were dashed. God’s “unmerited favor” came in ways that brought a much better and much harder life for Mary and Joseph. How has God’s grace made your life much better, and much harder?
4. How have you overcome fear because God always keeps his promises?
5. We don’t know what God is going to do, but we know that nothing is impossible for him (Jeremiah 32:17, 27; Luke 18:27). How does your attitude reveal that you believe that nothing is impossible with God?