

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

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one another in our homes

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Text: Luke 1:26-56

Message: Ted Rastatter

Questions: John Brewer

## Discussion Questions:

Luke 1:26-56 tells the story of an angel appearing to Mary to tell her that she, a virgin, would give birth to God's promised Messiah. Mary receives this information with great humility and submission to God's plan. Ted highlighted two ways we should surrender to Christ: as savior and as king.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Ted stated that our sin makes us objects of God's anger and judgment. However, Christmas is a reminder that God offers us terms of peace. What are those terms of peace?
2. The Bible is quite clear that Mary was a virgin when Jesus was conceived. Why must this be true, and why must we hold firm on this biblical truth? Why is it so important that Jesus was fully God and fully man? Try to work through the logical flow Ted cited from St. Anselm. Reference John 1:1 and 1:14, Colossians 2:9, and Philippians 2:6-8.
3. What does it mean to be "middle class in spirit?" [Keller]. What things are we tempted to bring to the table as our own goodness? In contrast, what is spiritual poverty? Reference Luke 18:9-14. How does Mary exemplify this?
4. What was Paul's evaluation of his own righteousness? Reference Philippians 3:4-11.
5. Ted cited Joel Beeke with something like "every sin we commit is a type of practical atheism." What does this mean? We say we believe in God, but what does our sin say?
6. What does peace look like when we submit to Jesus as King? What does peace ultimately look like under Jesus' rule?