

1. Opening

Purpose for Digs and Prayer (1 min)

Digs gather to study, pray, and apply the Word of God to our lives. Our hope is that we would increase in our love for God, love for one another, and tell others about Him (Matt 22:37-40; Matt 28:19-20).

Weekly Christian Formation (5 min)

Question 24* Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Answer: Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Scripture Reference: Colossians 1:21-22

What does this mean? How does it impact our lives?

Recap (5 min)

Recap the last time your Dig Group gathered. How did you apply God's Word over the last week(s)?

2. Bible Study November 30 (30-45 minutes)

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 m *Read}$ the passage aloud together.
- *Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage.

Scripture Reference: Luke 1:1-38

- 1. What stands out to you about the account of Zechariah?
- 2. For what purpose did God send John the Baptist? What does this tell us about God's plans?

- 3. Why do you think that God chose to allow John to be born miraculously in his parents' old age?
- 4. How does this account shape our faith and walk?
- 5. What stands out about the account of Mary?
- 6. For what purpose would God send us Jesus?
- 7. Although Mary wondered about the nature of her pregnancy, note her response in faith in v.38. How those this narrative encourage us to trust God?
- 8. Note the nature of Mary's pregnancy in v.35. Why did God choose to bring Jesus into the world in this manner?
- 9. How do the events of this passage shape the way you approach this Christmas season?

3. Confession and Prayer (30-45 minutes)

Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.

Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people. Pray that you will make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6)

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism.