

## 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 25\*** Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

**Answer:** Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

**Scripture Reference:** 2 Corinthians 5:21

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 December 7 (30-45 minutes)

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

Scripture Reference: Luke 1:39-56

- 1. Read Luke 1:15 and 1:41. How is God working in special and miraculous ways to prepare for the arrival of the Savior?
- 2. Before Christ atoned for the sins of the world, what is different about the presence of the Holy Spirit in individuals?

- 3. Why do you think God filled John in the womb and Elizabeth? What does Elizabeth declare?
- 4. How does Mary respond to this news? Compare this with Mary's response to the angel in 1:38 and her response to the shepherds in 2:19.
- 5. In what ways does Mary magnify the Lord in her response?
- 6. What does Mary's response teach us about the character and plans of God?
- 7. How does Mary's response to the news of Jesus shape the way you celebrate Advent?

# 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.