

# Message Based Questions – 12/15/19

## Traditions: Part 2

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Scripture: Luke 1:1-4, Isaiah 7:4, Luke 1:26-34, John 3:16-17, Ephesians 1:7-11

Icebreaker: What is something unexpected that's happened to you recently?

1. What stands out to you from this message?
2. Share about a time when you tried to make sense of a difficult situation. What was your reaction? Did you ask "Why God"?
3. Pastor Rick said that our desire to make sense out of tragedies and even everyday events point to the reflection of God in us. Discuss and share your thoughts.
4. Spend some time looking at Mary's faith and responses. Speculate the emotions and feelings she must have encountered.
5. How does John 3:16-17 and Ephesians 1:7-11 encourage you to trust God in spite of all the chaos of life?
6. In considering last week's message on waiting like Zechariah and Elizabeth, how are you committing to doing right in the wait? One suggestion is to look at the Advent Calendar and choose a few acts of service. Share with your group what you had a chance to do or plan to do this week.

Challenge: Memorize James 1:2-5 in your favorite version of Scripture (from last week's message).