



The Father of Christmas | Part 2

Luke 1:5-25

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. God the Father communicates His ancient plan many times in the Old Testament through prophecy. Read the following OT passages: Gen. 3:15; Gen. 12:3; 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Jer. 31:31. How does reading these passages impact how you feel about God's Love for you and this world?
2. In Luke 1:16-17 Gabriel describes several aspects of John's ministry. List as many of those features of his ministry as you can. Read Mal. 4:5-6; 2:6-7; 3:1, 18, discuss how these Old Testament passages apply to the angel's description.
3. God is on the move and He is using John to launch his plan. In Luke 3:1-8, Luke describes what John did to prepare Israel for the plan of salvation. How did John prepare the people, and how does it apply to our preparing others in our circle of influence.
4. In v. 19 the angel speaks of "good news," since the birth of Jesus is yet unknown what "good news" is he referring to? Read Isaiah 40:9; 52:7; 61:1 for a broader concept of what "good news" means in this context.
5. If someone were to ask you what the "true meaning of Christmas is," how would you answer? As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, who do you know who needs the hope and peace that only a relationship with Jesus can bring? Is there something you can do to tell this news to that person?

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