

Park Hills SBSG Questions

Advent - Preparation

1. Recall a time that you felt ill-prepared or ill-equipped for something you were required to do? What did you learn from this? What would have happened if you had been prepared to do it?

2. Read Luke 1:26-38 together. How did the angel Gabriel prepare to be able to take this message? How had Mary been prepared to receive the news?

3. Preparation is more natural with a grateful heart. When we are grateful, work and sacrifice are more like an overflow of the heart than an obligation. Thanking God restores the natural order of our dependence on Him. Mary does not seem put-off to serve God and carry the Messiah. This would be a burden that is very great – but she is willing! In order to be grateful, let's remember what God has done. What has God done for us?

4. Look at 1 John 1:5-10, 1 Peter 1:13-25, Colossians 3:1 and Philippians 2:5-11. As gratefulness grows, so too does an attitude of repentance. How can we be prepared this Christmas season? How might we keep each other accountable? How might we attempt to continually encourage one another in this time?