

Group Study Guide December 16-17, 2023 Message & Music Kurt Bjorklund & Kathy Schmitt

MESSAGE NOTES:

Luke 1:32 - "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David..."

Luke 1:35 - "The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called^[a] the Son of God."

1. Why it isn't Obvious

Genesis 15:2-4 - "But Abram said, 'Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.' Then the word of the LORD came to him: 'This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.'"

Proverbs 10:1 - "The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother."

Proverbs 15:20 - "A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother."

2. Why it isn't Mundane

Romans 8:19 - "For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed."

STUDY GUIDE:

STEP ONE: Icebreaker (Optional):

• Share about a favorite childhood memory of Christmas Eve.

STEP TWO: Prayer & Scripture reading

- Ask someone in your group to pray to open your time together.
- Ask another person to read **Luke 1:26-38.**

STEP THREE: Discuss Questions

- 1. What was challenging, encouraging, confusing, or stood out most to you from this past weekend's teaching?
- 2. Read Luke 1:32 and 35 and discuss the title that is described of Jesus in these verses.
- 3. How would you describe the difference between "Son of God" and "Son of Man" from what you heard during the weekend message?
- 4. Why does it matter that Jesus is fully God and fully man? Why does believing this truth affect the way we think and live?
- 5. Read John 1:14 and discuss who and where Jesus was before He "became flesh." Why does the Bible's definition of the Trinity make sense?
- 6. What would you say to evidentially support the arrival of the Messiah with the following Old Testament scriptures? Psalm 2: 6-7; Psalm 89:26-27; Isaiah 9:6-7.
- 7. How does embracing Jesus as Son of God and Son of Man help you share the gospel this Christmas season with people who don't yet know Him?

STEP FOUR: Prayer

• Close in prayer and pray specifically for an opportunity to invite someone to a Christmas Eve service at Orchard Hill Church this season.