Week 2- "Let Earth Receive Her King"

In this series we are exploring the Christmas story and how in the story we discover many expressions of joy. In this week's message we look at the joy Mary experienced when she found out she was having Jesus, and what we can learn about joy from her story.

Read Luke 1:26-33, and Luke 1:44-53

In Mary's account we discover three things we can learn from Mary's account and how it leads to a deeply rooted joy.

- **We experience deep joy when we feel like we have been saved from something.**

- **An aspect of how Jesus came, and how He saves, yet is often neglected. The reality that He came as Savior-King with an invitation to step off our failable thrones and enter into His Kingdom.**

- **How we can experience the deep and consistent joy of the salvation Jesus brings.**

1. Have you discovered your need for a Savior King?

2. Why do you think the deep joy we are searching for requires that you acknowledge your need for Jesus?

3. What does it practically look like to continue to acknowledge your need for a Savior-King?

4. What does it say about God's love for you that He knew that your kingdom was failable and so He sent His son and invited you to surrender to His Kingdom as a solution to your need?

5. Discuss the idea that the only way to enter Jesus' kingdom is to acknowledge that our kingdom is never going to be enough.

6. Have you bumped into the tension that your kingdom is not giving you the deep sense of joy you long for? If so, what has that been like?

7. What does it practically look like to step off your throne and enter His Kingdom?

8. What does it look like to invite the Holy Spirit to help you see your need and discover Jesus as Savior King?

We can experience the joy of our salvation when we begin to see our need, our poverty, the brokenness of our hearts and the fallibility of our Kingdoms. When we can see this we begin to see Jesus as Savior, and as King. This gives us what we need to step off the throne of our frail kingdoms to enter His and find the joy we are looking for.