

# Growth Group Bible Study

“Messages about the Messiah” Sermon Series  
*A Message Wrapped in a Miracle*



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**Reading** Luke 1:26-38

## Opening Questions

1. What was one of the most exciting and joyful messages you have ever received? If that was finding out about having a baby, how were you told?
2. Who have you known that seemed a very “unlikely candidate” to be used of God; yet they had a great impact on your life or on the life of others for the Lord?
3. How would you describe the “Doctrine of the Incarnation” to someone? How critical is it for Christians to know this and believe this?

## Study

1. What is the significance of 1:26 in God “setting the table” for what is to come in His plan?
2. As 1:27 describes Mary and her status, what is important to understand about her situation for the miracle to follow?
3. Imagine being in Mary’s situation at this moment (1:26ff). How would you feel and what would be your “issues” to deal with?
4. When the Scripture says Mary was “favored” (1:28, 30, 48), what status should that give her and what status should she not be given?
5. How does Gabriel say this “miracle behind the message” will occur (1:34-35)? cf. Matt. 2:18-25

6. How is Jesus described by Gabriel (1:31-33) and what does it tell us about who He is?
  
7. The incarnation tells us that Jesus is God to us. Read the following Scriptures and summarize what that means:  
    John 1:1, 14  
    Romans 9:5  
    Phil. 2:5-7  
    Col. 1:15-17; 2:9
  
8. What are some of the significant things we can say about Jesus being God to us (what it means)? cf. Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; Micah 5:2; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:19, 21; John 1:18; 1 John 1:1
  
9. In what ways does God “favoring” Mary (“gracing” her) express how God has “graced” us in Jesus?

## **Application**

1. In this Christmas season, how can we remember and emphasize that in Jesus, God came to us?
  
2. What difference have you seen in your life as you know that Jesus is God come to you?