

HOPE

WEEK 2

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Introduction:

We are all created in the image of God. We are all broken and sinful people. We are all in the need of a savior. God came to this world in the form of Jesus for all of us, to give us hope. We live in a world that desperately needs hope & Jesus is the only place where true hope is found. Sometimes we feel stuck: in our jobs, marriages, finances, etc. No one wants to feel stuck in any area of our life. The best way to get unstuck is to say “YES” to God.

Scripture: Luke 1:26 - 38

35 The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. 36 What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God. 38 Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.

Discussion Questions:

1. When is the last time you took a risk and how did it turn out?
2. How would you have responded to the angel’s words to Mary?
3. What area of your life did you say “Yes” to God, and was it willingly or reluctantly?
4. What area of your life do you feel stuck?
5. What plans has God revealed for your life that are different than the plans you have for yourself?
6. Do God’s plans for you seem impossible? Explain.
7. How do you feel about the statement “When God has a plan he will work out the details and we just have to have faith”?
8. What step is God prompting you to take to lead you out of that “stuck” area?

Take the Next Step:

Determine your next step to grow as a believer in Jesus and take that step this week. Pray for God to give you faith and courage to say “Yes” to him this Christmas.