

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide: Christmas Dilemma part 1, Dec. 2

1. The Christmas Dilemma. The word “dilemma” means a _____ situation or problem.

2. A theologian once said,
“Find out where God is at work and _____ Him.”

3. Read Luke 1:26-38. Mary’s Christmas Dilemma was whether or not to say “Yes” to God and all the possible complications that came with it. What are some of the complications?

4. Saying “Yes” to God does not mean we have a carefree life, with no worries or problems to overcome. In fact, sometimes saying “Yes” means things will become more difficult. Saying “Yes” is not always the easiest answer. Tell about a time saying “Yes” was a challenge in your life.

5. Sometimes God chooses to do things that are obvious, like choosing big cities like Jerusalem. Sometimes God chooses to do things that are not so obvious, like choosing to use the boonies like Nazareth. Sometimes God uses Wall Street. Sometimes God uses Wal-Mart. Share a story where you have seen this to be true.

6. Read Luke 1:28. Mary is a “favored woman” because she has received God’s grace. The same is true for those who are followers of Jesus. Favor and grace come to Christians as a free gift from God. What does it mean to have the favor and grace of God?

7. Read Luke 1:29. This wondering, this seeking, is an important part for us to consider as we make our own way, not only to understand the true meaning of Christmas, but also to understand the things that God might call us to join Him in the work He is doing.

8. Discuss each of the
Five Ways to Help us Know What God is Inviting us to Join Him in Doing

1. “Find out what God has already said.” Psalm 119:105
2. “Pray and ask God to speak to you.” Jeremiah 33:3
3. “Seek wise counsel from trusted advisors.” Proverbs 15:22
4. “What are the circumstances of the current situation?” Matthew 7:7-8
5. “What does your heart want to do?” Psalm 37:4