

“God Loves Us First” Luke 1:26-38
December 4, 2022 The Second Sunday Of Advent

God’s Love _____
John 3:16; 1 John 4:19

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Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 7:7-11

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John 21:15-17

Next Steps For Next Week:

Monday- Read Luke 1:26-38 How does God begin this personal relationship with Mary? What were some of the ways the angel reassured Mary? What was the main question Mary had for the angel? How did the angel respond to Mary’s question? How did Mary show her active faith?

Tuesday- Read John 3:16 and 1 John 4:18-19 What do these verses teach you about God’s great love for you? Who initiated your relationship with Him? How does experiencing God’s love allow you to relate to others?

Wednesday- Read Jeremiah 33:3 This verse gives us permission to call out to God. Incredibly, God desires to be in communication with us. What are some ways God “speaks” to you? What does this verse teach you about how much God loves to hear from you?

Thursday- Read Matthew 7:7-11 What are the three main action verbs in this passage? How can you be more consistent / persistent in communicating with God? What promise does God give you regarding prayer? What are some ways that God answers prayer? Spend some time thanking God for those specific times He has answered your prayers.

Friday- Read James 4:1-10 What does James, the brother of Jesus, teach you about your attitude toward the world and your attitude toward God? What does James say about how you can get closer to God? Who does God oppose? Who does God give grace?

Saturday- Read Romans 8:28-39 There are times in our lives when we don’t “feel” God’s love... usually when things aren’t going the way we would like. How does the Apostle Paul challenge you to reconsider these feelings and completely trust in God’s great love?

Sunday- Read Luke 1:26-38 (again) Imagine yourself to be in Mary’s life situation, growing up as a young girl in the Middle East in the first century. Imagine the shock of being visited by an angel. Imagine being told that you would that your first child would be the “Son of the Most High.” Now imagine yourself responding, “I am the Lord’s servant. May it be to me as you have said.”