

ADVENT

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

Advent 3 – Luke 1:26-38, 20th December 2020

1. What do you think your response to Angel Gabriel's message would have been?
2. What strikes you about how Mary responded?
3. Thinking of the three parts of Gabriel's opening statement (Greetings / Favoured One / The Lord is with you) – which do you think bring comfort and which bring challenge and why?
4. Can you think of other examples from Scripture when God has given somebody a task that has the potential to turn their lives upside down? How did they respond?
 - a. Why do you think people responded in different ways?
5. Are you being asked to sacrifice something for the benefit of others?
 - a. What is your response?

Advent 2 – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end, 13th December 2020

Mike Wilmott has done an excellent Bible Study on Isaiah 61:1-9 and Luke 4:14-21. I recommend your CG use his Bible Study, and his questions, to dig a bit deeper.

The PDF can be found via the link below:

[http://www.stjamesdevizes.org/uploads/9/8/2/8/98281866/20201214 - advent 2 -
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Advent 1 – Mark 1:1-8, 6th December 2020

1. Read Mark 1:1-8 again. Mark seems to be unable to hold the good news in. How do you feel when you have some good news to share?
2. Baptism with water represents, and points towards, the renewal of our hearts. What does a renewed heart look like?
3. Are there things that we put our hope in that are less able to bring completeness than a restored relationship with God?
 - a. How can we give these things their proper place?
4. The Good News is awesome, important and radical but it is not a neutral message; it claims Jesus is God's Son. Who do you think Jesus is?
5. The Good News doesn't depend on decorations, food, money, family, mistletoe, or twinkly lights.
 - a. For many this year, Christmas will not bring them the comfort and joy they need; it will fall short. How can we speak into the darkness to bring the comfort and joy that is not dependent on Christmas festivities but that is solely dependent on God's love?
6. Isaiah answered the call to share God's message, how could you answer God's call to share The Good News where you are?