

The Light Has Come: Part I

GOAL:

This week we will discuss what we need to do if we want to see God's plans for our lives come to pass. 1) Reset 2) Receive 3) Rest 4) Rejoice

CONVERSATION STARTER:

What is the biggest dream that you have for your life? Pastor Nathan said, "God will give you a promise that will be bigger than you could ever do on your own in your life!" Today we will look at the ways that we can increase our capacity to dream bigger and see God fulfill all the plans He has for you!

REVIEW:

Ask Life Group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If members have a hard time recalling the sermon, talk through your notes and share your favorite points.

DISCUSSION

Reset

Read Romans 12:1-2, Genesis 12:1-4

We can only believe in accordance with how big our capacity is. As we studied the lives of Zachariah and Mary, we saw that Mary had a greater capacity to believe God than Zachariah did. What factors do you think help people believe in God? What factors might inhibit their belief? How have you overcome doubt to believe God for something that seemed impossible?

Receive

Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor Nathan said, "If you don't expand your capacity, you'll stay stuck where you're at." Each of us has a certain measure, or capacity, of faith. What are the dangers of failing to increase your capacity to believe God?

Joseph did not start out with the same capacity to believe as Mary did, but when the Word of God came to him through the angel, he set his heart in a place to receive. What in the passage shows us that Joseph was a man who believed and trusted God?

Once he heard the Word of God from the angel, Joseph accepted it as truth. What do you think allowed him to increase his capacity to believe God beyond what he already knew?

Rest

Luke 1:35, Psalm 27:5, Psalm 91:1

Mary found herself under the shadow of God. What does the Word say we will find in the shadow of God?

What evidence do we see that shows us that Mary was finding rest in the presence of God?

How can we find ourselves in the secret place? What does staying in the secret place give us?

Rejoice

Luke 1:42-45, Nehemiah 8:10

Pastor Nathan said, "If you start rejoicing before the promise comes, you will have the joy and strength you need to endure and obtain the promise that is before you." Why do you think we are able to rejoice before we see God's promise fulfilled?

Why do you think joy comes when you rejoice and praise God?

Do you find it easy or hard to rejoice before you see His promises fulfilled? How will continuing to learn how to rejoice allow God to fulfill His plans in your life?

ACT ON IT

Which of the four areas Pastor Nathan preached on do you need to improve on in order to see God's plans fulfilled in your life? What are some practical ways you can improve? Share with the group and decide to implement those practical habits and attitudes in your daily life this week!

BEFORE YOU CLOSE:

This week Campus Director Jeff Hancher talked about Solomon's many offerings to the Lord
Read 1 Kings 3:4-14,

Solomon did not stop at what was normal or required by the law. He gave above and beyond in a way that caused God to honor him in a way that was not normal! God made him so rich in wisdom, power, and wealth, that he stands out as the most wise and powerful man there ever was! As we prepare to give in next week's Miracle Seed Offering, pray about what gift you can give to honor the Lord. You can also give now by donating on the Champion Center App or through PushPay.

PRAYER, PRAYER REQUESTS, AND TESTIMONIES

Ask Life Group members to share any prayer requests or testimonies they have. Record any notes or prayer requests to pray for members during the week. Take time to pray and ask if anyone would like to receive salvation, baptism of the Holy Spirit, or prayer for a physical need.