



NEW HORIZONS SMALL GROUPS

Sermon Title: “Christmas Upside Down Part IV” - Randy Hood

Scripture Reference: Luke 1:26-45

Connect: Grow together

- How did God show up in your life this week?
- What are you thankful for this week?
- How did you grow in your Christian faith this week?

Deeper: Beyond the message

- What was the main point of today’s message? How would you summarize it in one to three sentences?
- What point stood out the most to you? Why this point?
- What did the message say about you, God’s people and/or the world?
- How can you apply the message this week?

Application and Challenge

- How would you describe the faith of Mary? How could we demonstrate that kind of faith today?
- Pastor Randy described an imaginary response an “American Mary” might have given God elevating her individual rights over His plan. Where else do our lives and values as Americans need to be re-oriented toward God?
- Does God ask us or tell us? If God speaks in statements to us and not asking us for conditional obedience, how should we live differently this week?
- What are the implications of God not “throwing an ask” to us, or our asking each other “what is God asking you to do?”
- Reflect on Mary’s faith and response to God. How can we demonstrate God’s love to our neighbors in the age of COVID-19?
- This week, will we ask God to “show us the motives of our heart?”