**Discover Christmas Week 1- Anticipation**

- With Christmas around the corner, what are you in anticipation for this season?

- Ever feel like you’re kind of missing the point of Christmas? Or you never got the point in the first place?

* Pastor Evan kicked off an amazing series titled “Discover Christmas” where we’ll explore the first Christmas through Mary’s eyes to answer these questions.

**Luke 1:26-29**

* Even if God was going to bring the best news ever, it was totally going to ruin her plans. She liked where things were at. Mary in verse 29 was troubled because she knew God was going to call her up and out into something big!

- When was a time in your life when your plan differed from God’s plan for you? How did you respond in that situation?

* When speaking with God our future we tend to treat it like a kid telling the Santa Clause at the mall what they want for Christmas.

- When speaking with God, why do you think people tend to **initiate** and **dictate** the whole conversation?

- But how do you think you would respond if God put you on the receiving end and calls you into His plan for you?

* Mary’s faith was proven in that she received the Angel’s message, even though she liked her future!

**Luke 1:30-34**

- Why do you think like Mary in verse 34, people tend to limit God’s plan to human limitations?

- What human limits have you used to try and avoid God’s plan for your life? (Ex: I’m not skilled enough, not popular enough, etc.)

**Luke 1:35-38**

Reflect on the following: **When Mary believed, God conceived and she received the greatest gift of all time (Hint: It’s Jesus)**

**-** What do you think God has **conceived** in your heart, to anticipate and **believe** for in your life?

* **Receive** it! And pray for those things together.