



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

Making Ready For Christmas II

1. Advent often reflects on the themes of Love, Peace, Hope, and Joy. What theme do you most connect with at Christmastime?
2. Read Luke 1:26-44. What questions arise for you from the reading of this text?
3. With respect to verse 28, Pastor Keith suggested that Mary's favour rested in the fact that the Lord had come near. Do you agree or disagree? Why do you think the angel says Mary is favoured by God?
4. What do you think the angel is saying in verses 31-33?
5. Discuss this statement from the message: "Hope arises when we realize what God is capable of." How have you experienced this kind of hope in your own life?
6. Do you ever carry grief or loneliness at Christmastime. If so, how might the arrival of Jesus bring hope to you? If not, how might you make room for those who mourn at Christmastime?
7. Likening us to Mary, Pastor Keith said, "the message of Jesus is carried to the world through willing people, people like you and me." When you think about your own Christmas traditions how have they or haven't they been part of sharing the gospel?
8. What might you do this Christmastime to invite others into what this season is really all about?
9. Take time to pray for those in our city who don't yet know Jesus.

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