

Life at the Threshold

Luke 1:26-38

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A Unique Season Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

There may not be a more exciting time than the last few days before Christmas. In our contemporary culture, especially for children, there is so much excitement. We are right there, on the threshold, of something beautiful. To put this idea into the account of the birth of Jesus, the impending birth of the Messiah was a tectonic shift in everything. The coming of God's Son would change the entire course of human history. So as we continue to embrace this Unique Season, it's important that we explore how we get to live at the threshold of what God is about to do.

REALIZE

1. Remember who God says you are

- **Scripture Reference:** Luke 1:26-38, John 1:12-13
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Who does God say that I am?

2. Focus on Jesus

- **Scripture Reference:** Luke 1:26-38, John 14:6
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - In what areas of my life am I at a threshold?

3. For God, nothing is impossible

- **Scripture Reference:** Luke 1:26-38, Genesis 18:14
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Where is God asking me to trust Him in the impossible?

4. Keep trusting and serving

- **Scripture Reference:** Luke 1:26-38, Proverbs 3:5-6
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How can I simply respond to Jesus?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?