

# Sermon Discussion Guide

## Week 3

Christmas is a time to re-engage with the light that may be dimming.

*Lights*

FINDING THE BRIGHT HOPE OF CHRISTMAS

**Q: God shows favor to people who do not deserve it. Why do you think that is?**

- Have you experienced God's favor in your own life? How so?
- Favor is the Greek word, **charis**, which means "goodwill freely given". Why do you think God desires to give grace to us?

### FOCUS VERSE

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

(Luke 1:29-32)



## BRING IT TO LIGHT

Elizabeth and Zechariah felt cursed. Mary felt undeserving. The shepherds felt rejected by society.

- Which one do you most resonate with?
- The cast of characters that God chooses to tell the most important story through do not see themselves as leading characters. What does that tell you about who God uses?

## READ IT ALOUD

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

- Fear is the first response the shepherds. (and Mary) have to God's grace. What does this tell you about how we might perceive "favor" in our own lives?
- Our Savior came as an ordinary baby. Why do you think the light of the world came this way?



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Recognize what you need:  
a Savior just for you. We  
can't be good enough to  
be good with God.  
-Pastor Kyle

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## REFLECT + PRAY TOGETHER

The Savior was born to \_\_\_\_\_.

When you put your name in the blank  
and say it out loud, what is your  
response?

Why is it important that we see Jesus as  
a Savior of the world as well as the  
Savior of ourselves?

### PRAY.

Dear Lord, Thank you for coming  
to this world for me. For every  
thing I have done right and th the  
things I have not done right, you  
see it all and you still call me your  
child . Please make the joy of my  
salvation new to my heart today.  
Amen.