

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Grace To and Through the Overlooked

August 14, 2016

Luke 1:5-38

- 1.) Baby announcements are always a big deal. What does two angelic visits before conception communicate about the child to come? (NOTE: While Mary's was largely private, think of how public Zechariah's reaction and subsequent loss of speech would have been.)
- 2.) Have you ever felt overlooked? Do you feel that way now? Is there a character in this story whose emotions you most relate to today?
- 3.) Read the descriptions of what the angel tells Zechariah and Mary about their sons. What do you learn about the unique identity of Jesus?
- 4.) God's message of grace through Jesus is for all his people: "Don't lose heart, don't be afraid, don't give up hope! My redeeming grace and rescuing power are coming to you and through you to many others." How does that encourage you?
- 5.) Who is someone that you think God's grace might be flowing THROUGH you to reach? How can your group be praying for them with you?
- 6.) At the cross Jesus was "overlooked" by his Father, he took on our shame, he bore our griefs, he seemed insignificant. How does this encourage you in those experiences in your own life?



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