

## Sunday, December 25, 2016

"The One Grand Miracle" Doug Kempton

### Key Passages: Luke 1:26-38

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Now would also be a great time to allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

### Main Ideas

- There are over 300 miracles in the Bible
- But how do we define a miracle?
  - We use the word pretty loosely these days
  - A miracle is when the IMPOSSIBLE becomes possible
  - Really it's when God makes the impossible possible
- · Creation is a great miracle and there are others
  - · Noah's ark
  - · Parting of the Red Sea
  - Jesus' miracles
- · What is the greatest miracle
  - The Resurrection and the cross is only powerful because of who Jesus is
  - The INCARNATION (God becoming one of us)
- The conception of Jesus was no doubt a miracle
- But it wasn't just an ordinary child conceived miraculously. It was the very Son of God
- The one who created all that is...BECAME A MAN
  - Jesus took on the very nature of man even though he was God (Philippians 2)
  - Jesus was wiling to set something aside to become nothing for us
- 2 TRUTHS from this passage
  - #1 JESUS IS THE KING...who reigns forever and whose kingdom has no limitations
    - He IS the King, we don't decide if that's true or not
    - · He is not an ordinary King but a benevolent one
    - The Grand Miracle of his birth shows that we can TRUST him and his kingship
    - · Will we submit to his reign and authority?

# • #2 - GOD MAKES THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE

- God is bigger/greater/stronger
- Genesis 18:14- Is anything too hard for the Lord?
- \*\*\*The Grand Miracle is a reminder that GOD IS FOR US\*\*\*

## Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

- 1. When is a time you have seen God make possible the impossible?
- 2. What is an impossible situation or circumstance that you are depending on the Lord for right now?
- 3. What thoughts and feelings does it prompt in you when you think about the truth that Jesus created all that has been created?
- 4. How can we learn from Jesus example of becoming nothing for us?
- 5. What comes to mind when you think about being ruled by a king? What are the good things? What are the bad things?
- 6. Where do your mind and your heart go when you think of Jesus as King?
- 7. How are you doing currently at trusting Jesus' kingship? explain
- 8. How is God calling you to submit to his benevolent kingship?
- 9. What is God inviting you to as a result of this passage or message?