

Advent December 15, 2021 Discussion Questions

MEMORY VERSE:

"And the word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

- 1. Opener: Did you grow up attached to anything specific like a blanket, pillow etc.? Do you feel it was your "security blanket" to protect you or make you feel safe?
- 2. Read Luke 1:26-38: Imagine Mary's life up to this point was already in motion and planned. All of a sudden, everything changed and was now destined to follow God's plan. Do you feel you are walking in God's plan? (Repeat Luke 1:37)
- 3. Read Corinthians 12:9-10: What does it mean "My grace is sufficient for you"? How can God's grace replace your "security blanket"? Grace is not just about forgiveness- but it's also about God's strength in times of weakness.
- 4. Read Luke 1:38: What did Mary recognize about her life when she said "Behold, the Lord's bond-servant and what was her attitude?
- 5. Mary;s journey in God's plan started by saying YES. She realized her availability and responded. What is your biggest hangup for availability and how or what can you do to respond to God's plan in your life?

PUTTING IT INTO ACTION: In Charlie Brown Christmas we see Linus holding his "security blanket", an object that brings safety, comfort and certainty. Like many people, we have our security blanket that can hold us back from fulfilling God's plan in our life. This week, let go of your "security blanket" and respond to God's plan.