

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Joy



"Searching for a Christmas Surprise"

What was the best surprise you ever received at Christmas?

Mary was greeted with a surprise announcement, "You are highly favored, the Lord is with you" (v28) What would God say to me to surprise me?"

God speaks after 400 years of silence to His people. When was the last time that God spoke to me? How? What did he say? Is he still silent?

Luke 1:29 describes Mary's response to God as, "greatly troubled." How do I respond when God does speak to me? What would he say to me that would trouble me?

Read Isaiah 7:12-14. God's sign to Ahaz to get his attention was the virgin birth. What sign does God need to give me to get my attention? Why do I need a sign?

Mary's response to God was, "nothing is impossible with God." (v36) Is that my response to God? Do I live in a way that reflects my answer?

Luke 1:47 is Mary's beautiful song of worship in response to God's work, her "Magnificat" What would I include in my song of worship to God?

Luke 1:49 Mary says, "for the Mighty One has done great things for me." Can I stop, reflect and list what God has done for me? If you need help, who could you ask to help you reflect on your life with God?

"SHARE WITH ONE"- With what one person can I share how God has surprised me in my life? What change has occurred in me because He has?
