



Discussion Questions

Luke 1:26-38 *The Birth of Jesus Foretold*

Can you give an example of something that did not go as you had planned? How did it turn out for you?

We often think of the angel Gabriel's visit and announcement to Mary as something wonderful, but what do you make of Pastor Ariel's teaching that visits from angels were thought, at the time, to be predictors of a loved one's death? What do you think Mary's reaction to Gabriel's visit was?

When was the last time you were perplexed and found yourself in a state of pondering?

Have you had the experience of moving from disbelief to acceptance and joy? What was that like?

Pastor Ariel makes the case that the journey from Advent to Christmas is one in which we move from who we think we are to who God has called us to be. Who do you think you are? Who is God calling you to be?

To what are you being invited to say "yes"?

