

GROUPS

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A GENEROUS CHRISTMAS - 12/07/2025 MIKE WILSON

MAIN IDEA

LIVE A LET IT BE KIND OF LIFE...

KEY SCRIPTURES

LUKE 1:26-38

TALK ABOUT IT

- **ICEBREAKER:** What's something you said 'yes' to before you fully understood what you were getting into?
- Mary said "Let it be" before she saw any evidence. What is something in your life right now that requires trust before you can see the outcome?
- Christmas shows God closing the distance & giving us His full attention. How does this reshape the way you see yourself, and how does being "highly favored" challenge how you see your worth?
- Like the pastor's son said, "Are you going to be right there?" How have you experienced God's nearness giving you courage, especially when something felt too big for you?
- Mary knew she was seen, so she could say, "Let it be." What does being fully seen by God free you to surrender right now?
- Because Mary said yes to carrying Jesus, we can say yes to holding Jesus in our hearts. What does Mary's willingness teach you about responding to God's promises for your life?
- Mary received a specific promise and so do we. Which of the promises the pastor read feels most personal to you right now, and why?
- Mary faced something humanly impossible yet trusted because God offered hope. Where in your life do you need to hear God say, "This looks impossible to you, but My word will not fail"?
- How would your daily life change if you truly rested in God's promises instead of relying on your own strength?
- What is one specific area where God is inviting you to say, "I am the Lord's servant... let it be as You have said"?
- After hearing Mary's story and reflecting on God's generosity in his attention, promises, power & provision, what is one small, practical step of obedience you can take this week that reflects a 'Let it be unto me' posture toward God?

NEXT STEPS

- **ENCOUNTER:**
 - Christmas Eve Services, December 24th - 12pm, 1:30pm, 4:30 & 6pm Every service is an identical candlelit family service.
 - Spanish translation during the first **TWO** services.

• EXPERIENCE

- What if someone else could experience what you've experienced—God's love in community? Leading a Life Group is your chance to multiply that impact!
 - Feeling the nudge? Contact Becky at 509-433-7402 to learn more and take the next step.

Let's spread God's love—one group at a time!

• EXPAND

- Ready to take the next step? Allow us to help you plug into a DREAM TEAM. Reach out to Jill Thayer at jillt@sagehillchurch.com for information on serve opportunities.

GOING DEEPER

- **Reflection:** When you think about Mary's posture of "Let it be," what part of her response stirs the most admiration or conviction in you, and why do you think that particular aspect stands out?
- **Journal:** Looking back over this past year, where can you trace moments when God gently drew closer to you (closing the distance) through His attention, His promises, or His provision? Write about how you saw His generosity show up in ways you didn't expect.
- **Application:** What is one decision, conversation, or action this week where you can intentionally choose to trust God's promises and step forward, even if the outcome is uncertain?

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NOTES

GOD'S PROMISES FOR US:

- "I will never leave you nor forsake you." - Hebrews 13:5
- "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:20
- "I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28
- "I will supply all your needs." - Philippians 4:19
- "My grace is sufficient for you." - 2 Corinthians 12:9
- "I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you." - Isaiah 41:10
- "I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11
- "Call to me and I will answer you." - Jeremiah 33:3
- "I will give you a new heart and a new spirit." - Ezekiel 36:26
- "I will be your God and you will be my people." - Leviticus 26:12
- "The Lord will fight for you." - Exodus 14:14
- "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go." - Psalm 32:8
- "No weapon formed against you shall prosper." - Isaiah 54:17
- "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." - Isaiah 43:2
- "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." - Isaiah 40:31
- "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." - Psalm 23:1
- "I will keep you in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Me." - Isaiah 26:3
- "Ask, and it will be given to you." - Matthew 7:7
- "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us." - 1 John 1:9
- "Everyone who believes in Him shall have eternal life." - John 3:16

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