FAR GREATER THAN EXPECTED

Luke 2:1-38



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Icebreaker: The fourth Sunday of Advent centers around the theme of peace. Where have you experienced the peace of Christ lately in your life?
- Take turns reading the passage out loud and take note of any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text to share with the group. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- What is significant about the shepherds being the first people to come and see Jesus? Why was the birth announced to them first?
- What is the "consolation of Israel"? How does this point to God's faithfulness?
- Why does Luke include the story of Anna the prophetess in this narrative? How does she respond to Jesus?
- How does God speak to you through the Christmas Story? What would it look like for us to "treasure" and "ponder" the coming of Christ in our hearts?

Memory Verse: Luke 2:10-11

"But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David."