

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements
Week of 12/6/20

Please take a few moments to share these announcements with members of your community group and take some time to pray for the life of the church. Thank you!

Sermon Discussion Questions | [Luke 1:26-38](#)

1. Can you give examples of how your hopes for the future shape your present?
2. Does the doctrine of the virgin birth matter? Why or why not?
3. What can we learn from Mary about the role of *doubt* in a healthy faith?
4. What does “the word made flesh” teach us about God’s concern for our *physical* reality? What does it teach us about God’s concern for our *spiritual* reality? How is the God revealed in Jesus Christ unlike any other “god” in holding these together?
5. How does Mary’s “Let it be unto me according to your word” point us to the “double grace” of Jesus – that he is both the *substitute* who took our place and the *king* who more and more rules and subdues sin in us?
6. Pray for yourselves and the church, for honesty for a healthy doubt, and persistence in seeking a hope that will not disappoint.

Transition Updates:

The pastoral search committee (PSC) will begin training with McGowan & Associates in early December. Please pray for them as they go through that training, as they appoint a chair and assign roles, and as they find a time to start meeting together regularly.

Announcements:

On **Saturday, December 12, Starlight Ministries will hold their Annual Christmas Banquet here at CTK.** Normally this is an actual sit-down meal that serves the homeless community of Cambridge, but out of concern for the safety of visitors and volunteers, this year it will be a drop-by event where guests can receive a packaged meal and a gift. Starlight needs help packing these things and greeting guests, so if you’d like to volunteer, there’s a link to a spreadsheet in the Reader where you can sign up, or you can email the deacons at deacons@ctkcambridge.org.

Celebrate the Advent season with singing at **CTK’s Eighth Annual Christmas Concert**, this year online! Come join CTK’s talented musicians for an evening of festive performances and rousing caroling on Saturday, December 12, at 6:30pm. Stay tuned for links and other information, and contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org with questions.

Join us on **Christmas Eve for a Lessons & Carols service held online.** While this service will be different than years past, one tradition we will be maintaining is the lighting of candles for the last two songs of the service. There will be candles available at the church for those who attend in person on Sundays to pick up; **or, you can sign up for a candle at ctkcambridge.org/candles.**