



LIFEGROUPS

**Sermon title: The Three Wise
Women Who Saved Christmas**

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Date: Dec. 19 & 20, 2015

—[**LET'S TALK**]—

- Do you do anything special in anticipation of Christmas? If so, what do you do?

—[**LET'S WARM UP**]—

- If you asked for God to humble you, would you truly want it? Why, or why not?
- How does one build trust with another person? (What is trustworthiness?)
- What are some cultural connotations about humility? About trust?
- When was the last time you totally let go and trusted God? What happened?

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- Read Philippians 2:1-11 and talk about humility.
 - a. What attributes of humility does Paul identify here?
 - b. What is the difference between humility and self-deprecation?
 - c. How are humility and unity connected?
 - d. Why is Paul's prescription here so hard to follow?
- Read Romans 4:18-25 and talk about trust in God.
 - a. What obstacles did Abraham face in trusting God?
 - b. How much trust did Abraham have in God?
 - c. Why did Abraham trust God in the face of such obstacles?
 - d. What similarities are there between Abraham's trust and ours today?

—[**LET'S ACT**]—

- Be like Mary with your family for Christmas—and that doesn't mean join a nativity pageant. Pray for humility and trust God to deliver. Write down five ways that you could show your trust in God to your family or friends this Christmas. Some examples might be telling your faith story to someone, offering to say a prayer before dinner, reminding your family of Christmas' true meaning before opening presents, etc. Choose one (or more) to act on.

