Community Group Discussion Questions

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church • December 4 – December 10, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent • Luke 1:26-38 "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet!"

1. Have several in your group describe one of the riskiest things they have ever chosen to do. Include why it was risky, what did they learn about themselves, and would they ever do it again?

2. If someone(s) in your group is willing to be vulnerable, have them share about a risk they declined to take, that they now regret not doing?

3. Mary was asked to risk a number of things: her reputation, her marriage to Joseph, her ability to ever be married, etc. Which one of these risks can you relate to and why?

4. Pastor Rick said the point of this story is for us to realize that following Christ means releasing my expectations and embracing God's intentions. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 being hard, and 10 being easy) how would you rate yourself on being able to release your expectations, and why?

5. Like Mary, when God reveals his Word we are challenged to embrace both risk and embrace a role (being a servant). Which one of these two challenges is easier for you and why?

6. The angel promised Mary that she would have both God's grace and his presence. Based on the life challenges you are currently facing, which element of this promise do you most need to lean on, and why?