

# Gospel Hope, Christmas Hope!

**Sunday, Dec. 17 ~ Hope!**

1. Read/tell the Mary and the angel story in Luke 1:26-56.
2. In what season of your life are you most hopeful? When have you been most cynical?
3. Why did Gabriel come to Mary? How does her response differ from her uncle's?
4. Why is Christmas such a hopeful time?
5. Why do you suppose Mary went to visit Elizabeth (1:39)?
6. How different were Mary's hopes before and after Gabriel's visit? How did the things you hoped for change before and after you met Christ (Isa. 40:31, Heb. 6:18-19, 1 Cor. 15:19, 1 Thes. 4:13)?
7. How is hope different than wishful thinking?