

W O N D E R

- A Song of Promise -

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"But then I recall all you have done, O Lord; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works." Psalm 77:11-12 (NLT)

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2. The Wonder of Christ invites me to be _____.

"Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace." Luke 1:78 (NLT)

3. The Wonder of Christ invites me to _____.

"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow. For when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing." James 1:2-4 (NLT)

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NLT)

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3. The Wonder of Christ invites me to HOPE.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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[CONNECT]

What's your favorite Christmas memory?

What's a favorite tradition that you do for Christmas now?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most from the message?

Do you have a routine of "counting your blessings?" If so, what does that look like for you?

[GROW]

Read Luke 1:5-25

Discuss this passage. Is this found in the other gospels? (Matthew, Mark, and John)

What is Luke wanting us to know?

Read Luke 1:67-79

What stands out to you in this song from Zechariah?

Read Psalm 77:11-12

How can we keep all that God has done constantly in our thoughts?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Pray and ask the Lord to reveal ways that you can reflect (count your blessings), and ways that you can be "relentlessly present" this holiday season. Write down an action plan and how you will accomplish the goal.