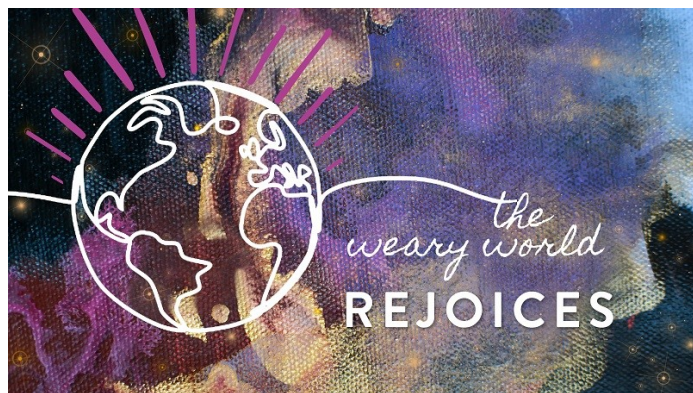


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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We Are Amazed

December 16 & 17, 2023

Amazement is a balm for the weary. How often do you allow yourself to be amazed? Wonder is all around us—can we recognize it?

SCRIPTURE TEXT: LUKE 1:57-66, PSALM 126, LUKE 2:8-11, LUKE 2:16-18

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

After Elizabeth gives birth, her neighbors and family celebrate with her. When it comes time to name the child, Zechariah affirms the name given by the angel and by Elizabeth. In that moment of affirming the promise, Zechariah's speech is restored. Everyone is filled with awe.

In Psalm 126, those who expect to reap tears are granted a surprise: shouts of joy.

In Luke 2, we learn that the invitation to be amazed is for everyone.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What amazes you? What makes you stand in wonder?
- ***Even in times when we are weary, we can be amazed.*** Share about a time that you were weary but amazed.
- ***You and I having the God-given ability to experience the beautiful, the majestic, the deep joy of life is amazing.*** Share about an experience you have had with the beautiful, the majestic, the deep joy of life.
- In Luke 2, we learn that ***the invitation to be amazed is for everyone.*** Share what you remember about the first time you were amazed by the Christmas story. Who is someone you know who needs to be invited into: the amazement of the Christmas story? the news of forgiveness that Jesus gives? the freedom from shame and guilt that Jesus brings? the existence of hope in hopeless situations? How can you invite them in?

CHALLENGE: This week, be filled with wonder...that God so loved the world that God became one of us...God with us....Emmanuel.