



Highly Favored

Favor Shared

Wk 3 • December 12

Introduction

In the third week of our Advent series *Highly Favored*, Pastor John discusses how favored people favor people. When our hearts are full of God's grace and favor, it naturally flows out of us onto others.

Discussion

1. Pastor John shared about his friend Dave showing him favor before He was a follower of Jesus. Who in your life has shown you favor?
2. Read **Luke 1:46-56**. How does Mary's song demonstrate how God favors us and how we might favor others?
3. Pastor John reminds us what happens when we get comfortable and don't favor others. Sometimes this indicates we need a Sabbath. What are some ways you practice remembering God's favor in your life?
4. Read **Hebrews 4:6-11**. What does this tell us about why Sabbath is so important?

Take Action

1. Use the 4:16 time this week to pray about who in your Little Iowa needs to be shown love and kindness and bless them with favor.
2. Read **Isaiah 7:14** and **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7** and reflect on how the story of Jesus was foretold.
3. Begin prayerfully inviting people to Christmas Eve services.

Resources

1. Read Crosswalk's [Advent devotionals](#).
2. Watch the Eyewitness Bible Series *Christmas* on [RightNow Media](#).
3. Read [Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Henri J.M. Nouwen](#).