



INTRODUCTION

The Advent season is here as we begin a new four-week series *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. We dive into the first week in Luke and Matthew to help us discover the lost art of “How to Wonder.” Wonder stirs up hope and is a gift. Will you accept it or reject it? Let’s join Pastor John as he explains how we can actively look for wonderment in the midst of a woe.

DISCUSSION

1. When was the last time you truly felt awe and wonder in a situation? What circumstances surrounded that event, and how did they affect you long term?
2. Wonder is a choice. Share with your group two ways you can practice this lost art to be open to seeing more than just what is visible.
3. **Read Matthew 1:24-25.** Joseph woke up and did as the Lord commanded. How does not making everything “about me and my wants” help us find wonder in our humility?

TAKE ACTION

1. **Read the Christmas story in Luke 2** making a special point to observe those who were open to wonder and found hope in their humility and ability to see beyond what was visible.
2. Take a late-night prayer walk through your neighborhood asking God humbly to open your eyes to the wonder right in your own back yard and praise him for the hope and joy only he can provide.
3. Invite your Little Iowa to come sit with you at PLC throughout the Christmas season to find the light of Jesus’ hope and wonder in the midst of a busy, stressful, and confusing world.

RESOURCES

Experience wonder in the “[One Extraordinary Night](#)” episode of Max Lucado’s *God Came Near* series on [RightNow Media](#).

“[The Gift of Hope](#)” episode of Pastor Keith Loy’s *A Christmas Gift* series on YouTube

The “[Look...for Hope](#)” episode in Ann Voskamp’s *The Greatest Gift* series on [RightNow Media](#)