

***Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers***

(A Journey Through the Gospel of Luke)

“Ordinary People, Extraordinary Calling”

Luke 1-2

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**Big Idea:** God advances His redemptive mission through ordinary, surrendered people.

**Disciple-Making Focus:** God reproduces His work through ordinary lives.

**I. God Chooses the \_\_\_\_\_** (Luke 1:26-38)

*“For nothing will be impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37)*

**Key Truth:**

God does not wait for impressive people — He works through surrendered ones.

**II. God Forms \_\_\_\_\_ in the Hidden Places** (Luke 1:39-56; 2:19)

*“But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.” (Luke 2:19)*

**Key Truth:**

Before God multiplies influence publicly, He deepens faith privately.

**III. God Announces Good News to the \_\_\_\_\_** (Luke 2:8-20)

*“And when they saw it, they made known the saying...” (Luke 2:17)*

**Key Truth:**

Encounter naturally produces proclamation.

**Takeaways:**

1. Where do you feel “too ordinary” for God to use?
2. What is God forming privately before He multiplies publicly?
3. Who could hear your simple story this week?

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## Small Group Questions — Week 2

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### Start Here — Reflective Question

Where do you most naturally feel “ordinary” or overlooked in your life right now?

(Allow a moment of honesty before moving on.)

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### Read the Passage

Have someone read one of the following sections aloud before discussion:

- Luke 1:26–38
- Luke 2:8–20

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### Discussion Questions

1. In Luke 1, Mary responds to the angel with surrender. What stands out to you about her response? What would have made it difficult?

2. Mary says, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord.” What does surrender look like in real, everyday life—not just spiritually dramatic moments?

3. Luke tells us that Mary “treasured up” and pondered these things in her heart. Why do you think private formation matters before public impact?

4. The shepherds immediately “made known” what they had seen. Why do you think encounter naturally leads to proclamation?

5. What keeps ordinary believers today from sharing what they have seen or experienced with Jesus?

6. How does the phrase “God reproduces His work through ordinary lives” challenge common assumptions about who God uses?

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### Disciple-Making Connection

If disciple-making is not advanced Christianity but a natural response to encountering Jesus:

- Where might God already be at work in your story?
- Who in your relational world could benefit from hearing it?

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### Close Together

Pray that God would deepen your private faith and give you courage to share your simple story this week.

Ask Him to help you see your ordinary life as the very place He wants to work.

**Your voice matters.** We’d love to hear what God is showing you through these questions. Please share your thoughts by emailing us at [info@thegateoc.com](mailto:info@thegateoc.com) — your insights will help shape the renewal and restoration of The Gate.