Advent 2025: Hello, My Name is Jesus: Son of God

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The child born will be called Holy Son of God

Read and discuss Luke 1:34-35 (NIV)

- ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"
- ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.
- *What does the word 'holy' mean?
- *What characteristics do you think of as holy?

If Jesus is the Holy Son of God, then his insight is far better than ours

We should trust his voice even if we don't fully understand it.

*Share or think about a time that you trusted Jesus even when you didn't understand.

Holiness is about being present in the world in a Christlike way

It is not about withdrawing from the world.

- *What do you notice about the particular presence of Jesus in the Bible?
- *How have you found your capacity to be with people in diverse situations growing?
- *What can help us to be present like lesus without letting the environment change us?
- *Where are you called to give presence generously?

Jesus is interested in working in the lives of the willing

Read and discuss Luke 1:36-38 (NIV)

- ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."
- 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.
- *To what have you consented or surrendered to with God?
- *What places are you resisting what Jesus is seeking to do in your life? Are there parts of your life that are closed off to God?

If he is the Holy Son of God - then I'm in

Read and discuss John 6:66-69 (NIV)

- 66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.
- 67 "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.
- ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."
- *Where does His holiness need to take priority over your perspective?
- *How will you worship him with your willingness?