

Gabriel

Introduction:

In our text today, the angel Gabriel delivers a message to Mary that she “will conceive and give birth to...Jesus...the Son of God.” Gabriel delivered messages of a Savior coming to the world centuries before he came to deliver this message to Mary. He spoke to Daniel (Daniel 9: 21-27) and pointed to the coming Anointed One and ruler who would fulfil God’s promises to His people. He also spoke to Zechariah (Luke 1:13-21) of the good news that Elizabeth would bear a son who would help people prepare for the coming Messiah.

Gabriel got to carry and deliver the message to Mary that she would carry and deliver God's only Son, the Savior who would bring joy to the world. As a celestial being, Gabriel would have been aware of God's plan for humanity's salvation and how significant his mission to get this message to Mary was. His words were meant to comfort and prepare Mary for her divine mission.

Gabriel's heavenly perspective underscores how sacred and eternally significant Christmas is in the grand narrative of God's relationship with humanity. It is this heavenly perspective that is always pointing to our faithful God and encouraging those who would hear that the Savior is coming into the world. Let every heart prepare Him room.

Read Your Bible

- **Psalm 2:6-12**
- **Luke 1:26-38**

Apply God’s Word to Your Life:

1. Talk about a time when you delivered (or were given) a life-changing message.
2. Why do you think the angel Gabriel had to tell Mary not to be afraid?
3. Who are some other people in the Bible that receive messages from Gabriel?
4. Why are the other messages significant in the overarching story of God and His people?
5. The angel, Gabriel, consistently pointed others to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Decide three ways you or your group can point people to Jesus this month.
6. Angels are a reflection of God's glory and status. How can we reflect God's glory into the world?
7. In each message Gabriel delivered, he was helping the listener to prepare for the Lord. How are you preparing your heart this Christmas season?

Reflecting on the text:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of Your faithfulness. You are faithful to fulfil your promises and guide our steps. Thank you for comforting us when we are afraid, bringing clarity when we are confused, giving us hope when we are discouraged, and giving us assurance when we doubt. Help us to turn to You in every season. In Jesus' Name, Amen.