

Sermon Starter – Oh, That You Would Reveal Your Love

Luke 1:26-38

What began as a promise to David now comes to fruition in the angel's words to Mary, who yields her life to the purposes of God. This promise is based in God's extravagant love. God is coming. Jesus will make his home with us. Love's reign is about to begin (Luke 1:26-38).

The first three Sundays in Advent present heavier texts for the preacher. This Sunday's texts are not light but are saturated with a spirit of celebration! God's promise to David about an everlasting kingdom is about to be fulfilled. The good news of this reign is that the poor, the marginalized, the lowly, and the hungry will be brought to the front of the line. With just four days remaining until Christmas, this is an opportunity to help the congregation imagine a world where Mary's song and dance come to fulfillment. Tell stories of times and places where the gospel of Jesus Christ has brought good news of liberation to a person or situation. Share faith stories, both in the sermon and in the response time, that speak to the true meaning of Christmas by casting light on God's liberating love.

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