






	<p>Christmas at Central: Announcement</p>
 <b>BIG IDEA</b>	<p>God's favor is simply about being His child and trusting in His meaningful plan for your life.</p>
 <b>ICE BREAKER</b>	<p>Share a memory from when someone made you feel truly special.</p>
 <b>MAIN POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● God's Favorites Are Not Who You Might Expect</li> <li>● Favor isn't about wealth, status, or power. It's unmerited favor - grace.</li> <li>● God's favorites are His children</li> <li>● Being favored doesn't mean a comfortable life, but a meaningful life</li> <li>● Having questions doesn't mean weak faith</li> <li>● Having faith in God does not mean we will have a comfortable life but a meaningful life.</li> </ul>
 <b>DISCUSS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What most stood out to you from the message this weekend?</li> <li>2. What does "unmerited favor" mean? Where in your life have you experienced this?</li> <li>3. Discuss a time when you had doubts or questions about your faith.</li> <li>4. Where have you experienced a difficult season ultimately lead to something meaningful?</li> <li>5. What does a "meaningful life" look like to you?</li> <li>6. Take a moment to reflect on Mary's response: "I am the Lord's servant." And ask yourself the question posed by Pastor Shan: What assignment does God want to give you? Share with the group.</li> </ol>
 <b>NEXT STEP</b>	<p>Pastor Shan shared three steps to a meaningful life. Which do you need to remember of take action on? Why?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trust Jesus as your Savior.</li> <li>2. Trust that you are God's favored child and that He is working for your good.</li> <li>3. Play your role in God's story.</li> </ol>
 <b>SCRIPTURE</b>	<p>Luke 1:28-33 "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.</p>
 <b>NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK</b>	<p>Join us next week and invite a friend as we continue our Christmas series: The First Christmas!</p>