



# Christmas at The Cove

## Week 4 – Hope For My Future

### Study Guide

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One of the biggest things we all think about is what our future will look like. We know what our past looked like, we know what our current situation is, but we wonder what our future holds. Sometimes we even wonder if we have a future to look forward to. This week we will discuss how we can have hope for our future by understanding that God has a plan for our lives!

1. What are some of the plans (dreams, wishes, goals) you have for your future?

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“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.”

- Luke 1:26-27 (ESV)

2. **Read Luke 1:26-33.** God interrupted Mary's life in a miraculous way. He sent an angel to deliver the news of her new future. In what ways has your life been interrupted? How does God still use angels or “messengers” today?
  
3. **Read Luke 1:34-37.** Fill in the blank: “God wouldn't use me for anything because \_\_\_\_\_.”  
It's easy to fall into the mindset that God couldn't or wouldn't use us. But God IS able to do great things with anyone, no matter their life experience. What are some of the things Mary could have filled in the blank with?

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“And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord...”  
- Luke 1:38a (ESV)

4. **Read Luke 1:38.** Mary now understood that God had an incredible plan for her future, a huge part of which was serving. Serving as the body that would bear baby Jesus, and the mother who would nurture the young Savior growing up. God’s plan for your future will always involve serving. What are some ways you can better serve God and the people around you?
  
5. One great aspect of God’s plan for you is that it’s never JUST for you! His plans for us are so great that they always involve bringing hope to others as well! Challenge: This is the LAST week to invite people to experience the Hope of the world this Christmas! As you keep an eye out for God’s plan for your life be sure to invite everyone you come into contact with. You never know when/where God is going to show up and do something incredible!