



Engage

Consider this quote from the sermon on Sunday:

Christians and non-christians alike are disenchanted because we're all immersed in a world that presents a material understanding of reality as the plausible and grown-up way of thinking ... we are shamed away from thoughts that venture near spirituality and transcendence... (Mike Cospers)

To what extent do you agree? Do you see yourself acting in similar ways?

Read

Reflect on the following passages and discuss what implications it has for a belief in the transcendent:

Exodus 33:14-20	Isaiah 6:1-5	Exodus 40:34-38

Read Luke 1:26-28

Where do we see revelations of God's transcendent power in these events?

How is it different to the previous glimpses in the OT?

Apply

Can you identify the different ways Mary responds to these events? How does this translate into our lives?

Lots of religions seek to connect us with the transcendent power. Consider the events of Jesus's birth. How is Christianity different to other religions?



Praying Big Prayers shaped by the Gospel

Pray God will double the size and reach of our church in 2021 with people who need to know Jesus.