Luke 1.26-38—Mary the first Godbearer

God asks a teenager to bring salvation into the world.

Mary says yes to bringing God’s salvation to the world.

Our Role as Godbearers

Who/What/How are our teens being Discipled?

Five Areas of Discipleship for Youth

1. Integral—Through discipleship we teach youth to be self-feeders.
   Too often youth ministry just feeds teens and they don’t learn to prepare or find their own food.

2. Inviting
   “People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.”

3. Intentionality
   Youth Ministry “to and for” –or– “through and with”
4. Incarnational

John 1.14 (MSG)

What does it mean to “earn the right to be heard”?

How are we being intentional about breaking down any walls of skepticism and distrust?

5. Intergenerational

♦ The Five I’s—an Assessment Survey

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“The Church is a Family”

“Incorporating youth ministry into the central lie of the church is essential.”

Go! Make disciples!

Notes from Godbearing:

Pg. 48: “Developmentally, youth are capable of extraordinary commitment to someone who believes in them, of ridiculous fidelity to a cause worthy of their total commitment. “...God invites all of us to become Godbearers—persons who by the power of the Holy Spirit smuggle Jesus into the world through our own lives, who by virtue of our yes to God find ourselves forever and irrevocably changed.”

Pg. 51: “Godbearing youth ministry stops at nothing short of holiness, perfect love, robust and unapologetic Christian maturity, the setting apart of a person in community for transparent witness to Jesus Christ.”