

# A scurryfunge is...

A. A rare tree fungus



B. A last minute tidy up before the arrival of guests

C. A small mouse-like mammal from New Zealand

D. A medieval kitchen implement for whisking eggs

## Gadzookery is...



A. The deliberate use of old-fashioned language

B. Comical displays of magic

C. A type of jazz music

D. The careless handling of living things

## To groke is to...

- A. Unclog a small creek blocked by vegetation
- B. Lend money to a distant relative



- C. Gaze at a person eating in hope that they'll give give you some of their food
- D. Hide a valuable object in a garden

## Something is quotidian if it is...

A. Measured

B. Sufficient

C. Quote-worthy



D. Commonplace

#### Romans 14

<sup>17</sup> For the <u>kingdom</u> of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of <u>righteousness</u>, peace and **joy** in the Holy Spirit...

### Two Main Things...

- Joy is fundamental to the Kingdom. It matters to Jesus whether you are living in joy (just like righteousness and peace).
- Just like righteousness and peace, it takes effort (thankfully) to follow Jesus into joy.

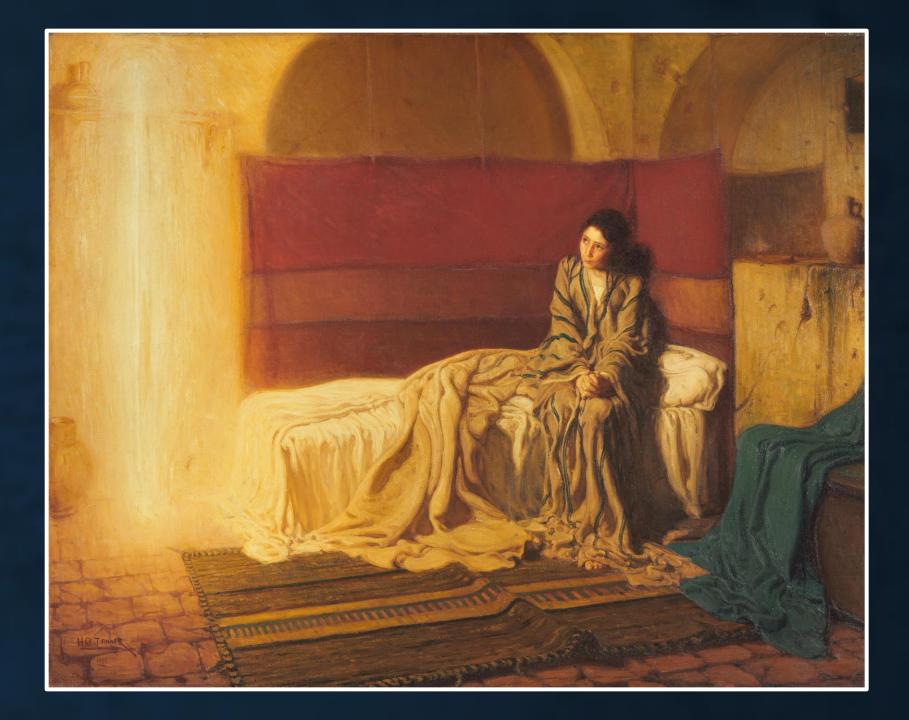


#### Luke 1:5-25

Annunciation of the Angel to Zechariah, Domenico Ghirlandaio, 1490

Luke 1:26-38

The Annunciation, Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1898





Luke 1:39-45

The Visitation, Rembrandt van Rijn, 1640

### The Practice of Joy...

- is essential (Biblically and scientifically) for our flourishing and transformation
- requires mutual connection to God and people
- is the practice of being fully present

### The Way In (Invitation)

- 1. Think back on your week. Ask Jesus to highlight a time when you were connecting (with God/others) and able to be fully present. Reflect on how that happened and what it felt like. (Bonus: reflect on the converse)
- 2. Think about a choice you have in front of you. Ask Jesus to show you His plans for more true joy in that choice.