

## PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- **Read Luke 1:26-38.** How do you think Mary felt when she heard what God will do through her Son?
- How is Mary's question (v. 34) different from Zechariah's question (Luke 1:18)?
- What does Mary's response (v. 38) teach you about trust and obedience?
- **Read Isaiah 9:6-7.** In what ways is this promise fulfilled in the angel's message?
- What can you learn about God's character from His choice to involve ordinary people in His plan of salvation?
- **Read Luke 1:39-45.** Why do you think Mary "hurried" to Elizabeth after hearing the angel's message?
- What does Elizabeth's statements reveal about Mary's character?
- How does this encounter point you to the importance of spiritual community?
- **Read Luke 1:46-56.** Notice the repeated phrase: "He has..." What does Mary say God has already done?
- Mary's response to a surprise turn – being a pregnant virgin who will bear the Son of God – is to worship God and praise His faithfulness. What gives her confidence to praise Him in the midst of this surprise?
- If we consistently believed that God keeps all His promises, what would change?
- According to verses 50-53, who will (and won't) receive God's mercy?
- Who in your life needs to hear the good news of Jesus' coming? Pray for them this week.
- Write one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

**Read Luke 1:57-80.** How is Zechariah's prophecy similar and different from Mary's song?



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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- What would you do if an angel showed up and gave you a message that would change your life in good ways and hard ways?
- **Read Luke 1:26-38.** Mary was very likely a teenager when the angel came to her. How do you think she felt being chosen to have this Child?
- In what ways do you think having this Baby would change her life?
- In her response (v. 38), Mary accepted all the good and hard things that would come from having a baby while also being a virgin. Why do you think she was so willing to accept this news? How does her response inspire you?
- If you were in Mary's shoes, how do you think you would have responded to this news?
- **Read Luke 1:39-45.** Why do you think Mary rushed to visit Elizabeth after hearing the angel's message? Who do you go to when you need support?
- What can you learn from Elizabeth's reaction to Mary? How does she offer support?
- **Read Luke 1:46-56.** According to verses 50-53, who will (and won't) receive God's mercy? Why do you think humility is so important to God?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.



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