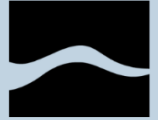


SERMON NOTES

MARY: A VOICE OF FAITH

Luke 1:26-38, 46-55



BIG IDEA: Mary is a voice of faith in God's Word and character who tells us Jesus is the Son of God and that we can be saved from our sins by trusting in him.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

What is the main message conveyed in Luke 1:26-38?

How does Mary respond to the angel's announcement, and what does her response reveal about her character?

What emotions and attitudes does Mary express in her song of praise (Luke 1:46-5), and how does her response reflect her understanding of God's character?

Read some Old Testament references expressing hope in the coming Messiah, such as Isaiah 9:2–7 and Jeremiah 33:14–26. How do these passages help you understand what Mary was expecting?

APPLY

Has God ever asked you to do something that frightened you? How did you respond? How can you overcome your fear if He asks you to act in extreme faith?

Mary's song teaches us how God chooses to work through seemingly insignificant people to advance His work. How do you see yourself playing a part in what he is doing to make disciples of Jesus?

How do the pictures of God's character in Mary's song—his might, holiness, mercy, justice, faithfulness, and saving power—give you confidence to serve him faithfully?

COMMIT

Let Mary's Magnificat serve as a model for your prayers and gratitude to God. Try writing a hymn of praise for who God is and what he has done for you and his people everywhere through Jesus.