



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

2/11/2024

MESSAGE: Mary's Reflections

WEEK# 3

SERIES: Jesus Story: Gospels

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CHECKIN' IN: How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE: These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. What is your favorite story or reading genre? What is it about the story or genre that you enjoy most?
 2. Have you ever signed up for something and it turned out to be not what you signed up for? Please share your experience.
 3. Read Luke 14:28. Was there something you gave up when you first started to follow Jesus? What have you given up since you have continued to follow him? Try to be specific.
 4. We read in Luke 2:18-19 how Mary kept, treasured, pondered the things she heard and experienced regarding Jesus. What truths do you carry in your heart that bring you hope, comfort, peace and or joy? Is there a particular verse that is extra special to you that brings this out?
 5. What is the purpose of a boat anchor? What is an example of a recent storm in your life? What is an example of an anchor in your life?
 6. Read Hebrews 6:19 How do you interpret this verse? Why is it so important to have this anchor of hope? Who do you know could use an anchor of hope in their life?
 7. Is there an area in your life where you need to respond the same as Mary did? "I am the Lord's servant, may everything you have said about me come true." Luke 1:38 If so, what is that area? What steps can you take to get there?
 8. What is the difference between feelings and truth? Which one is a stronger guide in most people's Lives? Why do you think this is the case? Which one is strongest in your life?
 9. We were given a "Jesus starter pack": 1. Jesus loves me, 2. Jesus will forgive me, 3. I am a blessing to others! Of those three, which one are you most comfortable living in? Which of the three is the most challenging for you to receive and or live? Please explain.
 10. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.
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2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE: We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church