

The Servant of the Lord

Luke 1:45-48

- What did Mary believe? Vs.30-38

Mary is worthy of our imitation as a servant of the Lord... Mary was there at Jesus' birth, all the way through his ministry, sufferings, death, and resurrection to his ascension.

Mary was there with the Apostles and disciples at the birth of the church, praying on the day of Pentecost.

Mary, the mother of Jesus is a wonderful picture of what it means to be a **willing** servant.

- One of the offices in the church besides pastor, elder, and overseer is the position of deacon. Deacons are to serve and they are to be an example of service - family, church and community.
- Everyone in the church is called to serve... Mark 10:42-45 - Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with

you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

What does it look like (description) to be a willing servant of the Lord

- What makes me say that Mary was a willing servant? Willing servants are "bond servant" of the Lord - footnote on the word servant vs. 38; Exod.21:5-6;
- Willing servants pursue fellowship - Find = haste, hurry, to strive toward, not waist time. Vs.39
 - Fellowship and confirmation of God's Word is a difference maker toward enthusiasm. Vs.38 / vs.46 & following
- Willing servants are marked by humility & grace - vs.48, 28, 30; Gen 6:5-8
- Willing servants believe in the face of difficult circumstances. Vs.34-35
- Willing servants submit to God's word. Vs.38b
- Willing servants practice the praise of God.

Vs.46-47

- What does it mean to magnify God?
 - Microscope - We make much of those things that are small in significance.
 - Telescope - We make much of that which is hugely significant. "**Lakeview Effect**"
 - Spirit rejoices in God - God is a delight...
 - Rejoices in my Savior
- Willing servants have a personal, active, and present faith in God - vs.46-47
 - Difference between those who acknowledge the existence of God and those who know - James 2:19 - You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.
- Willing servants acknowledge their need to be saved from their sins. Vs. 47

Gospel - Mary chose to serve her son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the thing she desperately needed most was for Jesus to serve her.

- Peter's refusal for Jesus to serve him...

John 13... "He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet? "Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

Do you allow Christ to serve you in the morning, in the day, in the evening?

- Through the Word
- Through prayer
- Through meditation
- Through confession?

I want to serve.... Write down on Connection Card & place in the black offering boxes at the exits of the church.