

# LIFEGROUP

## Weekly Sermon Study Guide

**Sermon Series:** Son of David

**Sermon Title:** Why Mary?

**Scripture:** Luke 1:26-38

**Date Preached:** December 13, 2020

### WEEKLY CHECK-IN:

Last week we discussed how God is in control even when sometimes it feels like he isn't. We asked you to name a person who you thought needed to hear that message this Christmas season. Were you able to share this encouragement with that person this past week?

Also, as a part of catching up on each other's week, this would be a good time to gather everyone's prayer requests and praises. This allows everyone to share about their life and you can use this to guide your prayer at the end of the discussion.

### DISCUSSION STARTER:

Reflect on the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. What part of her life stands out to you the most? What do you think would be the hardest part of her life?

### DISCUSSION:

Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at [my.worthingtoncc.org/listen](http://my.worthingtoncc.org/listen).

1. What in this week's scripture was most interesting?
2. Why do you think Gabriel mentioned Elizabeth's pregnancy to Mary? Who is someone that encourages you spiritually?
3. What emotions do you think Mary had when she heard the news from Gabriel? When have you ever had to accept something that scared you?
4. Mary questioned what Gabriel said. Why do we sometimes avoid asking questions about our faith or God? How can asking questions be helpful?
5. John 19:25 reads, "Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother . . ." Mary demonstrated faith, even to the very end. When you look at your life in 10 years, what type of faith would you like to have? What would have to happen in your life today to help your faith grow?
6. What can we learn about God from this week's scripture?
7. What can we learn about people from this week's scripture?

### MY NEXT STEP:

Gabriel concludes his speech by saying "no word from God will ever fail." How does this statement motivate you to respond faithfully? What spiritual step do you feel called to take next?

### PRAYER:

A core value of our church is 'Urgent Prayer.' Please be sure to include prayer in your group meetings.

**Next Week's Sermon Title:** Son of David: Why Joe?