

## Mary

*Luke 1:26-45*

### Mary's Journey:

- Mary was a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ teen-aged girl.
- God sent Gabriel to announce that Mary had a \_\_\_\_\_ in his plan.

### Mary's Calling:

- Give birth to the Messiah—\_\_\_\_\_.
- Travel to Bethlehem—at \_\_\_\_\_.
- Deliver the baby in someone else's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Try to \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God.
- Watch \_\_\_\_\_ suffer torture and death.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the first \_\_\_\_\_ in the defeat of evil.

### Mary's Qualifications

- Mary was not a \_\_\_\_\_ person.
- Mary was not a \_\_\_\_\_ parent.
- Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ to obey God's plan on \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Road to Christmas

- We share in Mary's calling: to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ into \_\_\_\_\_ around us.
- We share in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Mary's calling—and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- God doesn't require \_\_\_\_\_ qualifications—only \_\_\_\_\_ obedience.

## Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What do you think Mary expected her life to look like before Gabriel intervened? How did her life change?
3. How should being a Christian change the trajectory of your life? Which decisions should it affect?
4. Have you ever experienced a situation like Mary's, where doing the right thing made people think worse of you? What was that like?
5. In what way is Mary's calling a "blessing?" How does her story help us understand what it means to be blessed by God?
6. Why do you think Mary responded to Gabriel's message the way she did?
7. Why do you think Elizabeth connected Mary with the story of Jael? (Judges 4; 5:24-27) How is Mary like Jael?
8. What does it look like for us to bring Jesus into the world (instead of keeping him in the womb)?
9. What challenges do you face in following Jesus? How are they similar to Mary's challenges as mother of Jesus?
10. What is God calling you to do in faith? What does it look like for you to say, "I am the Lord's servant"?