



Facing Christmas, Week 3, *What Did Mary Know?*

Tony Murrow, December 20, 2020

Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read Luke 1:26-45

1. What message did the angel Gabriel bring to Mary?
2. How did Mary respond and what were the consequences of her response?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. How does Mary’s experience reinforce the concept that, “God can show up anywhere, anytime”?
4. How have you seen God show up in an unexpected place at an unexpected time?
5. Although the scriptures do not give us great detail on the “felt-experience” of Mary, how might have Mary’s pregnancy created social, emotional, relational, physical, or spiritual difficulty for Mary?
6. What provision does God make possible for Mary through Elizabeth?
7. In this message, Tony challenges us with this statement: “If 2020 has felt like 100 miles of bad road. Take it from Mary. Finish your walk. The blessedness of God waits at the end of the long road”.

When have you experienced God’s blessing at the end of a “long road”?

What “long road” do you feel you’re travelling right now?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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