

Week 3 – May 12

1. Connect

Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.

As you lived out last week's sermon, were there any opportunities to share the Gospel with the next generation? Are there any young people in your family, or community, who God might be calling you to invest in?

2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

Read Luke 1:26-38 together as a LifeGroup.

As you read this passage of Scripture, what words, images, or sentences stand out to you? Spend several minutes making your own observations about the passage, then share those observations together as a group.

Discussion

This week at Fellowship we celebrated Mother's Day and honored the mothers in our lives and in our church community. We celebrated not only mothers, but womanhood overall. And in this week's passage of Scripture we see a truly incredible woman, Mary the Mother of Jesus. We witness her become Jesus's first disciple, the first carrier of the Good News of what God has done for us in Christ. Reflect on and discuss the following questions together as a group.

- God came into the world to save us who were his children. But when God did this, God didn't come as a conquering King with a sword, God came as a vulnerable human being, as a baby. How does knowing this shape your view of what God is like?
- Mary hears the Good News that the Kingdom of Christ will reign forever and never end. As we look out over the world and see its many sufferings, how does this promise of Kingdom, with an all good and all loving King shape and influence how you see the world?

Huntington Drive Campus-Specific Questions (Pastor Christine Suh):

- Pastor Christine mentioned that Mary first hears God's invitation, calling and asking her to be a carrier of The Good News of Jesus. Are there any places and areas in your life where God

might be calling you to carry his Good News to the world? As a follower of Jesus, God and God's word are inside you. Who might he be calling you his word and his very self to?

- Who has been someone you taught what you know about God? Who taught you? After hearing God's invitation, Mary then voices her limitations. What are the limitations in your life that make you feel like you're not enough for the calling and mission of God on your life? Is it insecurity, fear, doubt, past failures or mistakes? Talk about your limitations in your group.
- In what ways do you need to embrace the revelation of God's News in Christ? Do you need to take the faithful step of being baptized? Do you need to reconcile with a friend or family member? Reflect and talk about that.

Pasadena Campus-Specific Questions (Pastor Lisette Fraser):

- Pastor Lisette spoke about God's holy disruptions. When has God disrupted your life and asked you to say "yes"? What did that look like?
- What fears, questions, and wonderings have gotten in the way of your yes?
- What "yes" do you sense God inviting you into? These "yeses" are often small and sometimes big, but they are all significant.

Monrovia Campus-Specific Questions (Pastor LaRosa Tate):

- How has God used specific people to point you towards Jesus? Our co-founder Pastor LaRosa Tate mentioned that Mary was not the most likely candidate for God's assignment and mission. She was from the wrong part of town, and was a teenager. Is there anything about your story and background that make you feel unqualified for what God has for you?
- Mary questioned the Angel when she first heard The Good News and asked "how"? Where in your life do you find yourself thinking about "how" God will do what he's promised to do? What would it look like to surrender that area today?

3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

- Who can you share the good news of Jesus with this week? Where are the places in your life where you can practically surrender to God's invitation and call?