

SERMON OUTLINE

In Luke 1:26-38 we are shown 5 ways that God lovingly cares for His people through the birth of Jesus.

- I. God lovingly reveals everything His people need to know (vs 26-27).
- II. God lovingly bestows fear-dissolving favor on His people (vs. 28-30).
- III. God lovingly provides an eternally-ruling King as ruler over His people (vs. 31-33).
- IV. God lovingly provides a holy Savior for His people (vs. 34-35).
- V. God lovingly accomplishes the unimaginable for His people (vs. 36-37).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, December 13, 2015

Passage: Luke 1:26-38

Memory Passage: Luke 1:32-33

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 1:26-38.** To what does the phrase “in the sixth month refer?”
- (b) What do you learn about Gabriel and why is this important to what follows (cf. also v. 19, Daniel 8:15-19, 9:21-23)?
- (c) Why was Mary “greatly troubled at the saying” of Gabriel? Would the saying have troubled you if you were Mary?
- (d) What do you “discern” about Gabriel’s greeting? In other words, why *did* Gabriel call Mary “O favored one?” What is he saying about Mary? What is he saying about God?
- (e) Why is it important for Mary to know “the Lord is with” her? How is this fact related to her status as “favored one?”

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 1:26-38.** Why was Mary afraid, and on what basis does Gabriel tell her not to be afraid (v. 30)?
- (b) What 3 facts does Gabriel prophesy concerning Mary in v. 31?
- (c) What 5 facts does Gabriel prophesy concerning Jesus in vs. 32-33?
- (d) What is Mary’s primary concern about the truth of these prophecies (v. 34)?
- (e) So far (i.e. through v. 34) do you think Mary is feeling more or less afraid and concerned? Why?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 1:26-38, 2 Sam. 7:12-14, Ps. 2:7-9, & Ps. 89:26-29.** Write down what you learn from these OT Messianic prophecies. Why is understanding these OT passages crucial to understanding Gabriel’s message to Mary?
- (b) Why is it important for us to know that Joseph is “of the house of David” (v. 27)?
- (c) How do these prophecies about Jesus fuel your worship & encourage you in your daily walk? Please be specific!

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 1:26-38.** Explain in your own words what Gabriel says will happen to the virgin Mary (v. 35).
- (b) Explain why Jesus is called “the Son of the Most High,” especially in light of v. 35.
- (c) Explain the “therefore” in v. 34 (“therefore the child to be born will be called holy”).
- (d) Record and explain the differences you see between the way John the Baptist was described (vs. 15, 76-77) and Jesus?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 1:26-38.** To what areas of doubt, fear, disbelief, sorrow, unanswered prayer, brokenness, worry, anger, etc. might you apply the truth in v. 37? How would this wonderful truth help you navigate each area?
- (b) Consider everything you have learned about being an “Ordinary Disciple” from our sermon series in Mark, especially the marks of discipleship you learned about last week in Mark 10:38-45. How does Mary’s declaration in v. 38 help you live in accordance with these characteristics? How does having this heart attitude help you overcome disobedience when it comes to living as a servant? How does Jesus’ birth, life, and death impact your declaration, “I am a servant of the Lord?”

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The Virgin Birth Brings David’s Royal Son