

SHE/HER
Mary, Mother of Jesus
Luke 1:26-38
Life Group Notes

1. What are some characteristics of Mary that stand out to you and why?
2. How do you think Mary must have felt as Gabriel revealed each fact and characteristic of Jesus?
3. Is there anything different about Mary's question and Zechariah's question earlier in the chapter (v. 18 and v. 34)? Why does Gabriel react differently to Mary's questions than to Zechariah's?
4. What progression do you see in Mary's responses in (Luke 1:29, 34, 38)? How does Gabriel answer her question about how this could happen (v. 35-37)? Have you ever experienced going from confusion, to questioning, to faith? What was the situation?
5. What were some possible issues that might come up in Mary's life when she submits to God's plan?
6. Was Mary's tendency to contemplate and ponder things a strength or a weakness? Explain.
7. Describe a time when you've had a difficult time trusting God. Do you find it amazing that Mary was so quick to trust God and to accept His plan (verse 38)? Explain.
8. Read verses 46-55. Remember, Mary is more than likely between the ages of 12 to 14. Discuss her knowledge and understanding of God. What surprises you the most? How do you think she was so knowledgeable about God at her age? What was your understanding of God in your early teens?
9. Has God ever "asked" you to do something that at the time, made very little sense? If so, what?
10. Close with discussing your thoughts on the two extreme views of Mary. Some pray to Mary and see her as a key figure in the receptive process and some view her as just an ordinary woman in the Bible. How do you believe Mary should be viewed? (NO FIGHTING OR ARGUING!!! LOL.)