

Questions for Mary

Luke 1:26-56

Warm Up

- 1) What is the most surprising news you have ever received? How did you react?

Explore

- 2) Read Luke 1:26-33 together. Describe how you might have reacted to the news Mary received.
- 3) How did the angel describe Jesus? Discuss the significance of this description both for Mary and for us.
- 4) Read Luke 1:34-38. What leads Mary to a place of acceptance and surrender to God's plan?
- 5) Read Luke 1:39-56. How did Elizabeth's reaction to Mary address what Mary most needed at the moment. Can you think of an encouraging word or response someone gave you recently that spoke strongly to you?
- 6) What are the things said about the Lord in Mary's song that resonate with you?

Apply

God's surprises for us can be super challenging and overwhelming to us, and our reactions are often not ideal. Mary models for us how as a young and vulnerable young woman, she ultimately reached a place of surrender and embraced God's designs. Where are you currently wrestling with surrendering to God's best, and what would it take for you to trust His plans?