

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 23, 2024

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” (v. 26) 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 *did* Gabriel call Mary “favored one” (v. 28)? What is he saying about Mary, and what is he saying about God?
- (d) Why is it important for Mary to know “the Lord is with” her (v. 28)? How is this fact related to her status as “favored one?”
- (e) Why was Mary “very perplexed” (v. 29) at Gabriel’s statement? Would the saying have perplexed you if you were Mary?

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 three facts does Gabriel prophesy concerning Mary in v. 31?
- (c) What five 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 feels 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 essential 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” (v. 32), especially in light of v. 35.

(c) Explain why “the holy Child will be called the Son of God.”

(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.** How does v. 37 address areas of doubt, fear, disbelief, sorrow, unanswered prayer, brokenness, worry, anger, etc., you may experience? How would this wonderful truth help you navigate each area?

(b) What do you learn about God from this passage? Write down at least four ways these truths help you walk in a manner worthy of your calling.

(c) How does Mary’s response in v. 34 differ from Zechariah’s response in v. 18? Why is he rebuked, but Mary is not?

(d) How should you rightly apply Mary’s response in v.38?

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The Virgin Birth Brings David’s Royal Son