

Going Deeper...New Life Church Small Group Message Reflection

December 6, 2015

Based on Luke 1:26-38, 46-56

“The Prayers of Christmas” **MARY & DOUBTING**

Getting Started:

1. If an angel told you (or your parents) that you were going to have a child this year, how would you react?
2. What song has been playing in your head lately? When has the song in your head annoyed you? Inspired you?

Going Deeper:

1. What do you learn about Jesus Christ from the angel’s announcement (vv.30-33)?
2. How does Gabriel’s word to Mary compare with his word to Zechariah (1:13-17)?
3. How do you suppose Mary felt about the angel’s message foretelling her supernatural pregnancy? What do you think was the hardest thing for Mary to comprehend?
4. For what does Mary praise God in this song? What contrasts does she make in verses 51-53? How do these reflect her feeling about God? About herself?

Applications:

1. When were you recently fearful but believing? How did God meet you?
2. In what area of your life do you need to believe that nothing is impossible with God? What keeps you from believing this?
3. Considering Mary, what level of social status do you need to fulfill God’s purposes? Does that encourage you? Why?
4. Would Mary consider you God’s humble servant or a proud, rich ruler?