

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The angel Gabriel announces God's plans to his servant Mary that she will miraculously bear a son – Jesus – who will be the Holy Son of the Most High God.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What are some similarities and differences between the two divine announcements in chapter 1? What details does Luke provide about Mary and Joseph?
- How does Gabriel greet Mary? Why is she called “favored”? How can we honor Mary without inappropriately exalting her?
- What was the result of God's grace to Mary? What does the name Jesus mean?
- Discuss the four titles and descriptions of Jesus and what they reveal about him (verses 32-33):
 - *He will be great*
 - *Called Son of Most High* (John 5:19)
 - *The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David* (2 Samuel 7)
 - *He will reign over the house of Jacob forever* (Psalm 89; Isaiah 9:6)
- How was Mary's question different than Zechariah's (verse 34)?
- How would God accomplish his promise to Mary? How does the virgin birth preserve the purity (holiness) and deity of Christ (verse 35; 1 Corinthians 15:21; Romans 5:12)?
- What sign did God give Mary to prove his sovereignty over the womb (verse 36)?
- Do you trust the Almighty God with the difficulties in your life? What can we learn from Mary's humble response (verse 38)?