

God's Beautiful Jesus as told by Luke
Week's Reading: Luke 1:26-56
Discussion Guide: December 11, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. – Proverbs 3:3

Based on last week's text, did you think about any of your "ordinary routines" any differently?

OPEN:

- Have you typically been a rule follower or a rabble rouser?
 - o Are you one who has to have a lot of explanation of a rule to follow it?

Mary was a humble and ready servant. Granted, Gabriel was the messenger, Mary doesn't seem to hesitate much at God's radical call for service.

READ and ASK: Luke 1:26-56

- What does Mary's response to Gabriel teach us about Mary's character?
 - o Does it teach us anything about the people God can use most effectively?
- Have you ever struggled to embrace the truth of the virgin birth?
 - o How would you respond to someone who doubts the virgin birth?
- What does it mean to you that "no word from God will ever fail"?
 - o What promise of God do you need to hang on to?
- How is Mary an example to us in this text?

APPLY:

- When is a time that you have been fearful but believing (like Mary)?
- In what way did Dr. Weller call you to action?

- If you had been Mary, how do you think you would have responded?
- What can you do to maintain a servant's attitude (in relation to God) when it comes to your day to day walk?
 - o NEXT STEP: What practices do you need to begin or continue this week in order to be a humble and ready servant for God?

Memory Work:

I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."
- Luke 1:38a

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 1:56-80