

Twelve Extraordinary Women

Session 6

Mary – A Submissive Servant

1. Who was Mary? – Luke 1:26-27

- v. 26 – Where did God send the angel? (*Nazareth*)
- v. 27 – What 4 facts does this verse reveal about Mary? (*she was a virgin, espoused, of the royal line, Mary*)

2. What did Gabriel Announce? – Luke 1:28-33

- v. 28 – What did he say about Mary? (*she was highly favored, the Lord was with her, and she was blessed*)
- v. 29 – Why was she troubled? (*she didn't think she was blessed or highly favored*)
- v. 31-33 – What did Gabriel announce?
 - 1) v. 31 (*Mary will conceive*)
 - 2) v. 31 (*she will have a son*)
 - 3) v. 31 (*she will name Him Jesus*)
 - 4) v. 32 (*He will be great*)
 - 5) v. 32 (*He will be the Son of God*)
 - 6) v. 32 (*He will reign on throne of David*)
 - 7) v. 33 (*He will reign forever; His kingdom never end*)
- God revealed His plan for Mary's life in an amazing announcement. How does He reveal His plan for your life? _____

3. How did Mary Respond? – Luke 1:34-38

- v. 34 – What did she ask? (*how can I have a baby?*)

- v. 35-37 – How did Gabriel answer? (*Holy Spirit will cause virgin conception of Son of God; your aged barren cousin has conceived; nothing is impossible with God*)
- v. 38 – How did she respond? (*complete submission*)
- What did this mean for her? (*stigma of an unwed pregnancy; possibly lose Joseph*)
- Are you more concerned about obeying God or what people think of you? _____

4. Mary's Worship – Luke 1:46-55

- *Mary's praise included quotes from two of Hannah's prayers, the law, psalms, and prophets.* (p. 116)
- How do you think she knew the Bible so well? _____

5. Mary's Interactions with Jesus

- 12-year-old Jesus – Luke 2:41-50 – "*Knew ye not that I must be about my Father's business?*"
- Wedding at Cana – John 2:1-11 – "*Mine hour is not yet come.*"
- Mary & other sons go to Jesus – Mark 3:31-35 – "*Who is my mother, or my brethren?*"
- Crucifixion – John 19:25-27 – "*Woman, behold thy son!*"
- How do you think she felt watching her Son die? _____

What does it mean to submit to God's will and plan? _____

Can you appear to submit on the outside but not submit on the inside? Explain. _____

In what areas do you need to submit to God? _____