

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

Saying “Yes” to God

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In this week’s sermon, Pastor Mike explores the heart of Mary during the Annunciation. Though the visit from the Angel announcing Christ’s birth caught her a bit off guard, she was able to receive the news in faith. In fact, just like God was choosing to humble Himself and become man, Mary was willing to humble herself and become God’s. She would be devoted to Him and anything He asked her to do for His purposes. She would glorify God in her obedience, even while she endured ridicule in her home town.



Watch this week’s summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/study-guides/>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Where has your faith cost you? Is there a place or a way that believing in Jesus has resulted in hardship, loss or ridicule for you?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Mike shared some thoughts and pictures about young Jewish women as well as the engagement and marriage process. How does this enhance your understanding or change your thinking about Mary?

If an angel appeared to you and shared that, “you have found favor with God.” What would you expect that to mean in

your life? Spiritual, Relational, Personal, Financial, Physical? What did it mean for Mary?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

Read Philippians 2:5–11. God’s plan to enter humanity here is referenced and described as “humbling.” To what extent do you see Mary “humbling” herself? What is humility in reference to God’s plan?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

What ways might God’s call for obedience require “humbling” for you?

Is there any specific area, or path of obedience in your life, where God could be challenging you to be like Jesus or to be like Mary and begin “humbling yourself before the Lord?” (James 4:10)

ON YOUR OWN



PRACTICE

As you transition through your day—from a meal to work, a desk to a meeting, a store to home, rest to an activity, etc.—start each transition by asking yourself, “is there something God is inviting me to do with him that I should say, ‘yes’ to? Am I willing to humble myself for His glory?”



PRAYER

My Patient Father, I thank you that you do not forget me and that I can be confident you hear my prayer. Please forgive my growing doubt and continue to remind me of the good you allow in my life. Please remind me of the many things you have blessed me with and protected me from.



MEMORIZING

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.”—Luke 1:38

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