

Discussion Questions for the week of December 10



BIG IDEA:

It's our turn to deliver Christ to the world.

OVERVIEW:

The nativity scene is a classic symbol of the first Christmas. We will never forget the people who literally delivered Jesus Christ to the world. While their job wasn't easy, it is certainly one that history will always admire and hold in high regard. Today, we take a closer look at Mary and consider the possibility that we too have been called to deliver Christ to the world.

ICE BREAKER:

If had to pick a role in a Christmas play or pageant, what role would you want to play and why?

DISCUSSION:

1. Look up and read Mark 16:15. Where are we supposed to go? What are we supposed to do?
2. What is your definition of "the good news"?
3. What have you done to obey this verse?
4. Look up and read Luke 1:26-38. Mary was engaged to be married and she was also a virgin. What does that tell us about her character?
5. How do you think it would feel to be visited by an angel?
6. If an angel visited you today with a message from God, do you think he would tell you that you were "highly favored." Why or why not?
7. In verse 31-33, what was the angel's message for Mary? How do you think that fit in with her current situation and future plans?
8. How do you imagine Mary might have felt about this information?
9. God gave Mary a clear message about His plan for her life. Have you ever felt or wondered about God's plan for your own life?
10. How might God's plan disturb your current situation or ideas about how you would like your life to be?
11. What was Mary's response in verse 34? And then what did the angel tell her after that?
12. What do you think about verse 37...Do you believe that God can do anything?
13. When it comes to "delivering the good news" of Jesus to all creation, does it ever feel impossible? Like you don't know what to say or how to say it? Like people won't respond the way you want them to?
14. Have you ever been in a situation where you had to rely on God's power and not your own ability?
15. We are really good at coming up with questions and excuses. In verse 38, Mary didn't have another question or a comeback. Would you say you're 100% willing to be the Lord's servant and do whatever he asks you to do?
16. What keeps people from being more like Mary when it comes to willingness to follow God's plans?

APPLICATION:

17. Mary had the historic privilege of literally becoming pregnant with and delivering Jesus into the world. If you are a Christian, you have the truth of God's love (fully expressed in Jesus) inside you and God wants you to deliver his truth to the world. What is one way you can be like Mary this Christmas season?