



Unlikely Choice - Mary

Icebreaker: Do you participate in Advent traditions? What does your family do to mark the waiting period?

Read Together: Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

Discuss:

- What was God speaking to you this week as Pastor Jason spoke?
- Have you ever felt troubled when God called you to do something uncomfortable?
- Consider Mary's life and what she may have been feeling, doing, and preparing for when the Angel appeared to her. Talk about how you would react in such a situation.

Read Together: Luke 1:30 (NIV)

Discuss:

- "Surrendering our plans to God always leads to something greater than our expectations." How has God proven this statement in your life experience?
- Who can you share God's faithfulness with this week?

Read Together: Luke 1:31-33 (NIV), Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV), Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

Discuss:

- God's choices and way leads to miracles. What do you think Mary pictured in her mind as the Angel was describing Jesus?
- Do you argue with God or quietly doubt when He says something you don't understand?
- Share an example of a time when you had a plan, but God directed your steps elsewhere.

Read Together: Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV), Luke 1:38 (NLT)

Discuss:

- As God directs your steps, is it easy for you to trust that He is Good?
- What are you tempted to believe is too hard for God?

Pray:

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Take some time to remind each other of what the Word says regarding WHO God is and remember HOW He has been faithful in the past. Pray together that God will give you the courage to respond to His declarations regarding your life with “Let everything you have said about me come true.”