

Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, December 14th, 2025

“The King is Coming”

“Mary Receives the Good News”

Sermon Text: **Luke 1:26-38**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 98:1-6**; New Testament Text: **Colossians 1:21-23**.

Read **Luke 1:26-38**; while listening to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Luke 1:26-27 (p. 1088)**.

About how old was Mary when Gabriel came to her? (This is not in the passage. Pr. Dave told us in the sermon.)

To what did *in the sixth month* refer?

Why was the mention of *Nazareth* important? (Hint: See **Matthew 2:23 on p. 1027**.)

Why was it so important that Mary was a virgin? (Hint: See **Isaiah 7:14 on p. 728**.)

Why was it important that Joseph was *of the house of David*?

2. Read **Luke 1:28-30 (p. 1088)**.

How did Gabriel greet Mary?

Why do you think Mary was troubled by what the angel said to her?

How would you have reacted if you had been in Mary's shoes?

3. Read **Luke 1:31-33 (p. 1088)**.

List 5 things Gabriel tells Mary about the son she will bear.

4. Read **Luke 1:34 (p. 1088)**.

What is Mary's main concern?

Do you think this shows that Mary doubts what Gabriel is telling her?

Do you think there is anyone else on Mary's mind?

5. Read **Luke 1:35 (p. 1088)**.

How did Gabriel explain that Mary would conceive?

Why did Jesus have to be conceived this way?

Why did Jesus have to be born of a woman?

6. Read **Luke 1:36-37 (p. 1088)**.

Why might Mary find what the angel shared in these verses to be comforting?

7. Read **Luke 1:38 (p. 1088)**.

How did Mary respond to Gabriel's announcement in the end?

Do you think you could have responded like that if you were in Mary's shoes?

8. What will you remember most from this message?

Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 98:1-6** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. Read **Psalm 98:1**. Why are we to *sing to the Lord a new song*?
 2. What would a *new song* sound like? (How would it differ from an old song?)
 3. When you read: *His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him*, who does it bring to mind?
 4. Why is this a perfect description of him right now?
 5. Read **Psalm 98:2**. At the time this Psalm was written, how had *the Lord made his salvation known and how had he revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations*?
 6. Read **Psalm 98:3**. Name some ways God demonstrated *His steadfast love and faithfulness* to the Israelites.
 7. Read **Psalm 98:4-6**. As you read these three verses, what impresses you about the type of worship we are to give to the Lord?
 8. Does the worship described here seem solemn or stoic? What does it seem like?
- II. Next read **Colossians 1:21-23**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. Read **Colossians 1:21**. What was it that formerly kept us *alienated from God*?
 2. Next read **Colossians 1:22**. What has Christ done to *reconcile us*?
 3. Because of His *reconciliation*, of what can we be certain?
 4. Read **Colossians 1:23**. What must we do to ensure that we continue to walk in the assurance of *Christ's reconciliation*?
 5. What helps you to feel confident in your salvation?
- III. Read **Luke 1:26-38**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. Read **Luke 1:26-27**. About how old was Mary when Gabriel came to her?
 2. To what did *in the sixth month* refer?
 3. Why was the mention of *Nazareth* important? (Hint: See **Matthew 2:23 on p. 1027**.)
 4. Why was it so important that Mary was a virgin? (Hint: See **Isaiah 7:14 on p. 728**.)
 5. Why was it important that Joseph was *of the house of David*?
 6. What would that fact guarantee about the Messiah's birthplace?
 7. Read **Luke 1:28-30**. How did Gabriel greet Mary?
 8. Why do you think Mary was troubled by what the angel said to her?
 9. How would you have reacted if you had been in Mary's shoes?

10. Read **Luke 1:31-33**. List 5 things Gabriel tells Mary about the son she will bear.
11. Read **Luke 1:34**. What is Mary's main concern?
12. Do you think this shows that Mary doubts what Gabriel is telling her?
13. Do you think there is anyone else on Mary's mind?
14. Read **Luke 1:35**. How did Gabriel explain that Mary would conceive?
15. Why did Jesus have to be conceived this way?
16. Why did Jesus have to be born of a woman?
17. Read **Luke 1:36-37**. Why might Mary find what the angel shared in these verses to be comforting?
18. Read **Luke 1:38**. How did Mary respond to Gabriel's announcement in the end?
19. Do you think you could have responded like that if you were in Mary's shoes?