

Ugh...Wasn't Expecting That: Mary

Life Steps | December 8 & 9, 2018

Monday

Luke 1:26-38

Put yourself in Mary's shoes. What would trouble you most by this sort of greeting? (Vs. 29) Does your prayer life reveal you are a servant of Jesus or Jesus is a servant at your beck and call? What noticeable changes would occur in your life if your identity was grounded in 'I am the Lord's servant'?

Tuesday

Luke 1:46-56

How would you define authentic joy? What is the difference between joy and happiness? In your own words, why was Mary so filled with joy? (Vs.48-49) Mary reflects on the attributes of God in her song of praise. How might reflecting on God's attributes affect the way you worship?

Wednesday

Luke 2:1-15

God sent angels to deliver the "Good News" of Jesus birth. In what ways do you go about sharing big news in your life? Who are the people you share with first? Why? Who do you know, who would benefit from hearing afresh about the Good News of Jesus? Consider how and when you will invite them to one of our Christmas Eve worship services.

Thursday

Luke 2:22-40

Reread verses 39-40 in the context of all you have read and learned about Mary and Joseph in this series. What were their character traits and practices that created a family that enabled Jesus to grow, become strong, being filled with the wisdom and grace of God?

Friday

Luke 2:41-52

What does this story teach us about the parenting style of Mary and Joseph? Jesus is on the verge of being a teenager but is still obedient to his mom and dad. (Vs. 51) What can we learn from this family about weighing obedience to God versus obedience to parental authority? Personal application?

Saturday

John 19:17-27

Many of Jesus followers, including family, deserted him as the crucifixion drew near. Why? Why do you think his mother, Mary, stood by, near the cross the whole time? In social settings, do you down play that you are a Christ follower or do you step up when opportunities are presented? Who are you inviting to join you on Christmas Eve that needs an experience of God's love?

Sunday

Colossians 1:15-20

What do we learn about Jesus and his Gospel from these verses? How can these truths about Jesus impact the way you live? How can they be a source of joy for your daily life and your worship?