

NOTES

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING

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LUKE 1:26-38

Unexpected _____ (Luke 1:26-30)

Extraordinary _____ (Luke 1:31-37)

Remarkable _____ (Luke 1:38)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

ICEBREAKER: What is an unplanned event in your life that turned out to be life-changing?

1. Read Luke 1:26-38 out loud. Take 2-3 minutes for each person in the group to mark up the passage or jot down their observations. Look for repeated words or ideas, truths about God (specifically Jesus), and any striking details. Also note questions that arise. Go around the group and share a few of your observations.
2. Imagine you were Mary, how would you have felt in this situation?
3. What are some aspects of Mary's situation that would make Gabriel's announcement difficult?
4. Why would Gabriel call Mary, "highly favored" (Luke 1:28)? Why would God "find favor" (Luke 1:30) with Mary?
5. Look at the names and descriptions of Jesus in Luke 1:31-33. Unpack what each of them mean. How would you explain each one of them to someone who was exploring Christianity, but not yet a Christ-follower?
6. What is the significance of Mary being a virgin?
7. Why is it difficult to believe Gabriel's words in Luke 1:37? What would be different if you lived as if this were true?
8. One of the most remarkable things in this story is Mary's response in Luke 1:38. What does it take to be the kind of person who can say what she said?
9. Is there something God is calling you to do that you need to say "yes" to like Mary did?

PRAYER PROMPT: Spend time worshipping Jesus. Go around your group, each person taking one of the descriptions or titles of Jesus in this passage and praying prayers of praise to Jesus for being those things.