

## Intro - Mary

1. **Did you learn anything new about Jesus? If so, what?**
2. Gabriel showed up, uninvited, into Mary's life and shook everything up with no advance warning. In a moment everything changed, even though the effects of what he told her wouldn't be seen or necessarily felt for months down the road.

**How have recent events affected you and your family?  
What future effects may come in the months ahead?**

3. Look at Mary's response to Gabriel in Luke 1:38;

*"Behold I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."*

Matthew 12:34b says,  
*'For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.'*

In other words, what our heart is full of overflows off our lips.

**What does Mary's response to Gabriel reveal to us about what her heart was full of?**

**What did it reveal she believed to be true about her God?**

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4. Joseph's response in all of this is pretty amazing as well:

Matthew 1:18-25;

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, **do not fear to take Mary as your wife**, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). 24When Joseph woke from sleep, **he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife**, 25but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.*

**Even though Joseph may have been afraid to take Mary as his wife, why do you think He was willing to obey the Lord?**

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**Take some time to confess any unbelief or disobedience to the LORD.**

**Ask a friend to pray with you to believe God and trust Him enough to obey what He is asking you to do.**

**Is there anything God is asking you to obey Him in that you have been resistant to follow-through on?**

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