



## **Shelby Christian Church**

FOLLOWING JESUS: MOTHERS OF FAITH

LUKE 1:26-38, 7:36-8:3, JOHN 11:17-44, LUKE 23:26-28,48-49, 55; 24:1-10 \* 5/10/2026

All women have the chance to be mothers of the faith.

**Who have been the most influential women in your life? How have they shaped who you are?**

**Who are a few women in the Bible that God used in a significant way? Which woman's story resonates with yours the most?**

### **UNDERSTANDING**

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ LUKE 1:26-38

**Describe Mary's initial reaction to the angel Gabriel (v. 29). What does the angel tell Mary about her relationship with God?**

**To be an effective discipler of others, what must first be true of your own relationship with God?**

**What was God asking of Mary, and what stands out to you about her response? Mary's humility towards God put her in a position to receive God's best for her life. Why does God value a humble and obedient heart? What impact might this have had on Jesus to observe growing up?**

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ LUKE 7:36-8:3.

**What can we learn about discipleship and devotion from the example of these women?**

**How was the "sinful woman" minimized by Simon? What was he missing about what was necessary to be a disciple?**

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 11:17-44

**Do you think Martha's first words to Jesus conveyed disappointment, criticism, or recognition of fact? How did Martha misunderstand Jesus' response?**

**Why do you think Jesus asked Martha to believe in Him before He gave her a miraculous physical reason to believe?**

**What does Jesus' reaction to Mary reveal about the heart of God?**

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ LUKE 23:26-28,48-49,55, AND 24:1-10.

**When you read about these women who were around for the events of the crucifixion and resurrection, what stands out to you as you contrast them with the Twelve Disciples?**

**Why must we make sure to not minimize the task and role of women in the faith?**

## APPLICATION

**Who are the special women in your life? How can you express appreciation and gratitude for them this week?**

**What are a few ways we can support women in our midst as a group?**

**Read Titus 2:3-5. What are the unique gifts God has given women to teach and train others in the faith?**

**How might you live out (or support) a woman in this calling?**

## PRAYER