

# No Ordinary Day

Part 2 – Mary

Luke 1:26-38

Life Group Discussion Questions – December 8, 2024

**Luke 1:28-29;** *‘And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was.*

Mary, the recipient of God’s **MESSAGE** vs. 28-30

*‘FAVORED one! The Lord is with you’* = Grace freely given

*‘very PERPLEXED’* = intensely agitated, disturbed

*‘kept PONDERING’* = What does God have in mind that He would choose me?

*‘do not be AFRAID’* = you’re safe, good news is brought

*‘you have found FAVOR with God’* = Grace gifted to you

Mary, the recipient of God’s **MISSION** vs. 31-37

*‘BEHOLD’* = command to pay attention, God is working

**Eight** declarations: conception; birth; name; influence; title; honor; and legacy

*‘How can this be...?’* = a question of **CLARIFICATION**

*‘COME UPON you; OVERSHADOW you’* = God’s unique method

*‘the HOLY child’* = the result is God with us

*‘your relative ELIZABETH’* = God’s confirmation

*‘nothing is IMPOSSIBLE with God’* = proper worldview

Mary, the surrenderer of **CONSENT** vs. 38

*‘BONDSERVANT of the Lord’* = willing servant

*‘may it be DONE TO ME’* = submission to the mission

## DISCOVER

1. This series ‘No Ordinary Day’ is looking at those special days when we really see God working in real time in our lives or in our family. Can you recall a ‘No Ordinary Day’ in your walk with God?

2. As you grew up, what did you learn about Mary, the mother of Jesus?

3. Has God ever asked you to do something hard? AS much as you feel comfortable, what was the circumstances?

## EXPLORE

1. Read Luke 1:28-30 Before Gabriel shared the mission for Mary, he announced that she was favored and that the Lord was with her. Why would this greeting be so perplexing to Mary?

2. Read Luke 1:31-32. What eight details did the angel reveal about the mission being asked of her? Why are these details important?

3. Read Luke 1:33-37. When compared to Zacharias’ response to Gabriel’s announcement (he demanded a sign of proof) why did Gabriel answer her question and give her a confirmation (Elizabeth’s pregnancy)?

## EXPERIENCE

1. In the New Testament all of God’s genuine followers are called *favored* or blessed with God’s grace (Ephesians 2:8-10). How does this help us when He asks us to do something hard?

2. Is Mary’s response in verse 38 surprising to you? Why or why not? How would you have responded?

3. God is still working in our world. He is drawing people to Himself all the time and He primarily uses people like you to accomplish His mission. What part of the mission does He seem to be asking you to play right now? Try to articulate His mission for you.

## PRAY

*Heavenly Father, thank you for being full of grace and favor. We receive your gifts of favor and grace in to our lives. We surrender to your mission for us. Help us to be faithful and urgent about fulfilling our role in Your plan. We desire to have more ‘No Ordinary Days’. Use us and show us how to do Your will. We pray in His name. Amen.*