



Luke 1:26-38--In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Looking at Christmas through Mary's Eyes

1. Take a fresh look at the _____.
See Luke 1:34, 37.

2. Take a fresh look at the _____.
See Luke 1:31-33, 38.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29--Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

3. Take a fresh look at the _____.

See Luke 1:26-29, 38.

Four Faith Stress Points

1. _____ and disapproval.
2. _____ disapproval.
3. The _____ of her _____, Joseph.
4. The possible _____ of her own _____.

3 Takeaways

1. The miracle of Christmas is God making the _____.
2. The miracle of Christmas reminds us that God uses _____ people to accomplish _____ assignments.
3. The miracle of Christmas is a _____ on _____.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Christmas is a time for miracles. What miracles has God done in your life? How about in the lives of others you know?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. Christmas is also a time of faith. Mary responded to God's assignment for her life with faith. In what ways is God calling you to exercise faith? How is He wanting you to step out in faith and trust Him more fully?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.