

STUDY GUIDE . LUKE 1:26-38

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WELCOME Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Ask each GG member to share a personal experience of the truth that "nothing is impossible with God."

WORSHIP Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- Your Grace Still Amazes Me
- Great is Thy Faithfulness

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will praise and thank God for His grace.
- 2. GG members will hold on to God's promises even if they seem impossible.
- 3. GG members will humbly submit to God's will.

INTRODUCTION

In the previous lesson, we learned about the prophecy of the birth of John the baptist, the one who would prepare the way for the Messiah. In this lesson, we will learn about the prophecy of the birth of the Messiah Himself, the person whom this gospel is all about.

The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary (vv. 26-30)

- 1. What was being referred to as the "sixth month"? (cf. v. 36)
- 2. What does the passage say about Mary?
- 3. Why do you think the angel Gabriel greeted Mary as the "favored one"? (cf. v. 30) Why do you think Mary reacted the way she did?

Application

 God gives grace - undeserved blessing - to those who are undeserving. What are some examples of God's grace in your life, and how should you respond to God?

Gabriel announced the conception and birth of Jesus (vv. 3–4)

- What is the main prophecy given by Gabriel to Mary? Compare this with the prophecy given by Gabriel to Zechariah (cf. vv. 13-17). What similarities and differences do you see?
- 2. What did Gabriel prophesy about Jesus? (cf. 2 Samuel 7:16; Compare Jesus' description here with John's in v. 76; John 10:31-36)
- 3. Compare Zechariah's response to Gabriel's prophecy with Mary's. What difference do you see?
- 4. How did God overcome the seeming impossibility of Mary becoming pregnant? What are other examples of God doing the seemingly impossible?

Application

 What seeming impossibilities did God perform that you personally experienced? What are some seemingly insurmountable obstacles did God allow you to overcome? What do these tell you about God?

WORD & WALK:

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Mary submitted herself to God's will (v. 38)

- 1. How did Mary view herself in relation with God?
- 2. What was her attitude toward God's revealed will? By accepting God's will, what are some of its implications to Mary? (cf. Matthew 1:19; John 8:41, 48)

Application

1. What is God calling you to do? How are you submitting to His calling? What are some difficulties associated with His calling?

PRAYER ITEM

Take time together to praise and thank God for showering you with His grace, and for being faithful to His promises, even if they seem to be impossible. Pray for one another that you will faithfully submit to God's calling. Pray for all believers around the world, that they too may humbly submit to God's will.

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