
THE WOMEN WHO GAVE US JESUS | WEEK 5

MARY

Luke 1:26-36

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS IS
2. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHO THIS GIFT IS FOR
3. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW MARY RESPONDED TO THIS GIFT

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. When we keep Christmas well it can transform our lives. How would you describe the way you "keep Christmas?"
3. Ever since sin has entered the world, fear has been a primary driving motivator in the human heart. How do religions and belief systems other than Christianity aggravate and worsen this fear? How does Christianity, and the story of Christmas, deal with this fear?
4. Mary's life was completely upended by God's plan for her life. To what degree has this year, or this life, left you feeling like you are somewhere you don't want to be? How do we walk through these difficulties in a way that transforms us for the better?
5. Mary's response to God announcing the coming of Jesus was one of wonder, wrestling and surrender. How would you describe your response to Jesus? To what degree can you relate to Mary's response?
6. Mary's "wonder" was actually her deeply reflecting and thinking on what she was being told. You don't have to check your brain at the door to be a Christian. What intellectual hold-ups do you have about Christianity? Where could you go for the information you feel you are lacking?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Jesus loved you enough to lose for you.