

Lesson Aim: To realize that we, like Mary, are God-bearers, called by God to bring Christ to the world



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Prayer: Start your time together by asking the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion.

Icebreaker: Who in your life has been the most godly example of a true follower of Jesus?

1. **READ Luke 1:26-28.** How might you have responded to the angel Gabriel if you were in Mary's shoes? What emotions would you experience? What thoughts would be going through your head? Remember, you'd be about 15 years of age.
2. **READ Luke 1:29-33.** As Gabriel began sharing the message he had been given from God, how would your emotions change? What questions would you be asking?
3. Now place yourself in Gabriel's shoes. What would you be thinking...feeling...emphasizing? What tone of voice would you be using to give this message? What might you be afraid of?



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4. **READ Luke 1:34-38.** Knowing that you are still a virgin and are now about to become pregnant, what might you be thinking about? What fears might you have? How would this instantly change your relationship with Joseph?
5. What would you be giving up when you accepted God's will for you? What kind of life would you now expect to have? What would be going through your head after Gabriel left and you were alone again?
6. **Living as a God-bearer:** How would your life look different if you began to see yourself primarily as a God-bearer; someone who brings God to others? What would be different? What might remain the same?



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7. How would your life change if you said, along with Mary, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word"?
8. **READ 2 Corinthians 5:20.** What are some things that keep us from living as ambassadors for Christ? What would our lives look like if we took this seriously; that God is making His appeal to mankind through us?
9. **Final Challenge:** Take a moment to think about what areas of your life you need to submit to God in faith, not knowing the outcome. How can we then live in our trust in God and bear Himself to those around us? How can you bear God this week?



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End with prayer, thanking God for His call on your life and praying for obedience to live as a God-bearer.

Bearing God

Luke 1:26 - 38

Gabriel greets Mary as one who is highly favored by the Lord. (vs. 26-28)

Gabriel reveals God's plan for her to bear the Son of the Most High. (vs. 28-33)

Mary questions how God's will for her will be carried out. (v. 34)

Gabriel assures her that nothing is impossible with God. (vs. 35-37)

Mary responds with complete submission to the will of God. (v. 38)

The word of the Lord for us: You are a God-bearer, called by God to bring Christ into the world.

2 Corinthians 5:20

