

December 15- 21, 2018
Community Group Questions
Luke 1:26-38
Overwhelmed

Just for fun! Finish this sentence: "When I am at a social gathering, one thing that ruins it for me is ____." (don't say icebreakers:)

Before you read the passage together, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth of the passage to you. (*have several people read or take turns verse by verse around the room*)

Read out loud as a group: Luke 1:26-38

1. What did the Holy Spirit show you in the passage?

2. Look at verses 31-33 again, consider the what the name Jesus means.

Jesus: is a transliteration of the Hebrew "Joshua," meaning "Jehovah is salvation," i.e., "is the Savior," "a common name among the Jews", e.g., Exodus 17:9; Luke 3:29 (RV); Colossians 4:11. It was given to the Son of God in Incarnation as His personal name, in obedience to the command of an angel to Joseph, the husband of His Mother, Mary, shortly before He was born, Matthew 1:21. By it, He is spoken of throughout the Gospel narratives generally, but not without exception, as in Mark 16:19, 20; Luke 7:13, and a dozen other places in that Gospel, and a few in John. (Vine's Dictionary)

What are the five statements that verse 32-33 say about Jesus?

3. There were four key things at work in Mary's relationship with God: She *embraced* the call of GOD, she *relied on* the presence of GOD, she *trusted* the plan of GOD, and she *trusted* the power of God. (*Lifeway*)

The same four things are true for every believer in Jesus:

- Call of God - 2 Timothy 1:9
- Presence of God - John 14:7
- Plan of God - Matthew 6:33, Romans 12:2
- Power of God - Ephesians 6:10, Acts 1:8

Which one of these do you need to embrace in your in your own life? How will you take the next step in pursuing this?

How can we pray for you? (have the group members pray for each other)