



Mary Christmas

Against All Odds, Luke 1:26-38

October 10, 2021

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but **select 5 or 6 questions** you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer the following question:
 - When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. If you were to boil down Sunday's message to one idea, how would you summarize it?
3. **Nate said, "What we call interruptions, God often sees as invitations."**
 - How have interruptions shifted how you thought your life would turn out?
 - How might God have been using those interruption?
4. Nate mentioned that God's purpose is often different from your plans.
 - Does that idea scare you or encourage you? Why?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider looking up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.

5. Read Luke 1:26-38.
 - What stands out to you from Mary's story?
6. Reread Luke 1:38.
 - What would it look like for us to follow Mary's example of trust in this verse?
7. Read Luke 2:15-19 & 25-33.
 - What do you notice about Mary's responses after meeting the shepherds and Simeon?
 - How might these 2 experiences have impacted her trust in God's plan?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

8. Nate wrapped up this message on trust with the question, "What is God asking you to do?"
 - How would you answer that question?