



Small Group Discussion Guide

December 2, 2018

Sermon Title:

“Ready”

Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:3-8

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group’s discussion.*

Getting Started:

What is the most interesting or important task you have been asked to do? How did you feel about being asked? Why were you the one who was asked?

Discussion:

- 1. Be you (vs 26-28)** We are not told specific reasons why Mary was chosen, other than that she found favor with God. What reasons might God have considered?
- 2.** The pastor noted there was nothing “extraordinary” about Mary, yet she was chosen for an extraordinary purpose. What makes you, “you”? What qualities might be of most interest to God? Are they “extraordinary” or “normal” traits? Can you truly believe that God is interested in your “normal” self?
- 3. Ask questions (vs 29-37)** Is it wrong to question God, to question his plans? Also read Luke 1:8-20. Compare Zechariah’s experience with Mary’s. What was the difference? Did the angel’s answers seem sufficient to you? Would you have asked more questions?
- 4.** What questions would you like to ask God about his plans and purposes for you? Why would those answers be helpful?
- 5. Decide (v 38)** Mary’s answer seemed very direct. Do you know people who never seem to give straight answers? Do you know people who always seem to hedge their answers? Do you respond to God’s promptings decidedly or hesitantly? Why?

Closing:

Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.

GO SHARE JESUS!