

Read Luke 1:46-56 (the Magnificat). What stands out to you in Mary's song of praise? What elements are encouraging to us in our world?

Read Luke 2:41-52. What strikes you as significant in this passage? What are the implications of verse 51?



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Scripture References

Romans 12:2 • 2 Corinthians 5:17

Matthew 1:20-21; 13:54-57

Luke 1:26-42 ;2:16-19; 2:34-35; 2 41-51

John 2:3-5 ; 19:25-27 • Mark 3:20-35

Acts 1:14 • Luke 9:23-24 • 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

Prayer Requests

- 1) "Grace Bible Church glorifies God and makes disciples by loving people while encouraging a _____ life in Christ."

- 2) A primary difference between the branches of Christianity is the question of authority: how to balance _____ and the _____.

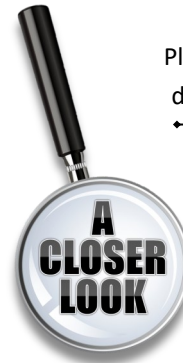
- 3) Protestant View - The Bible is the final authority in all matters of _____ and _____.

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- 4) Matthew mentions Mary and tells of the virgin birth, but as he continues the story, he focuses primarily on _____.
- 5) Those who hold to Mary's perpetual Virginitly say that the brothers and sisters of Jesus are Joseph's children from a _____.
- 6) Mary experienced all of the _____ of motherhood; joy, frustration, fear, worry, and emotional anguish.
- 7) We don't know what dreams Mary may have had for her life before Gabriel appeared to her, but she _____ when God called.
- 8) God typically speaks to us through _____, and through other _____, and sometimes more directly, speaking to our hearts and minds through a quiet internal voice.
- 9) We come to know God's will by allowing him to _____ us, changing the way we think.
- 10) God's call is to live your life _____ the kingdom of God above anything else, living according to what God says in his word. If you do that, he will _____ his will within you.

Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.



Mary faced uncertainty, social risk, and personal sacrifice. How does her example challenge the way we respond to difficult or unexpected situations?

On two occasions, Luke tells us that Mary "pondered these things in her heart." Why is reflection and meditation important for spiritual growth?

Different Christian traditions honor Mary in different ways. What aspects of her life are universally inspiring to Christians?

Continued on reverse.