



GROUPS GUIDE

12-14-25

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This month we are featuring a Christmas Series called *True Story*. Each week will learn about people in the Bible whose stories are centered around Jesus coming into the world.

Week 3

The Power of Faith: Mary

MAIN TEXT:

Luke 1:26-56

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Belong: (Ice Breaker)

What was your favorite Christmas movie and why?

Believe:

- **Read Hebrews 11:1-3, 6**
- As you listen to these passage, what stands out to. you?
- According to this passage how would you describe Biblical Faith?
- Why does faith matter to God?
- Who is someone you know who has had great faith? How was their life an example of faith to you?

- **Read Luke 1:26-38**
- As you were listening to Mary's story, what stood out to you?
- How did Mary respond to the Angel's message?
- How did she press into her faith in God instead instead of pressing into doubts?
- **Read Isaiah 55:8-9**
- What does this passage tell us about God's ways?
- How does it motivate your faith to realize that we won't always be able to understand how God works? Share an example from your own life when God's ways were didn't make sense to you but you followed Him anyway.



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Become:

- **Read Luke 1:37-56**
- What do you think Mary knew about God that made her trust Him deeply?
- Mary was asked to put her faith in something that was unbelievable and would cost her greatly. How does her response challenge and encourage you to grow in your own faith journey? What has your personal faith cost you?

“This is the power of faith. When we awaken to the truth of who God is and what He has done for us through Jesus, we are forever changed. Our wants change. Our behaviors change; our dreams change. Our relationships are impacted. Our future, here and for eternity – changed.” Pastor Trey Hildebrant

- How have you changed because of what God has done through Christ?
- One way we grow in our faith is to know God deeply. What is one step you can take to know God more this Christmas season?
 - Leader’s Notes: Possible answers might involve heart posture (humility) and prayer. These are both displayed in Mary’s life as she offers herself as a “servant of the Lord” and breaks out into a song of prayer in Luke 1:46-44.
 - Faith is not about doing more or trying harder. It is about drawing near to Christ and experiencing a deeper relationship with Him. As you are closing today’s discussion, remind your group that God invites into a relationship with Him through the gift of Jesus who was born at Christmas to save the world.
- **Ask for prayer requests from the group. Spend time in prayer for each other.**
- **Sign up for daily texts via “40777” to receive a verse of the day celebrating the season!**