

Discussion Questions Set #1

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)

In Isaiah, God promises the Jewish people how the Messiah will be born, but He does not indicate when, but between Isaiah and the birth of Jesus, about 700 years pass.

1. Advent is a time for preparing for the coming of the Christ-Child. How can we prepare our hearts for Christmas?
2. What have you had to wait for in your life?
3. What are you waiting for now?
4. How does God use times of waiting to teach us something?

Discussion Questions Set #2

“In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called^[b] the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.” “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her. (Luke 1:26-38)

1. What do you think was going through Mary’s mind at the words of the angel?
2. What kinds of things would suddenly change in Mary’s life at the words of the angel?
3. Read verse 38 again. What does this tell us about Mary?
4. Have you ever had a verse 38 moment with God? If so, when and how?

Discussion Questions Set #3

And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.” (Luke 1:46-55)

1. This is known as Mary’s song. It is a statement of her beliefs and her re-dedication to God. What are some of the things she is saying here?
2. What are some reasons that Mary may have had to be angry with God? Instead of being angry, how is Mary responding to her situation?
3. When have you or your family faced an uphill situation? How did you deal with it?
4. When you face uphill battles in life, what role does God play in helping you get through them?
5. What are the promises that Mary says about God?
6. When have you experienced any of these promises?