

GOING DEEPER

Discipleship Resources for Community Church



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YOU ARE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO BE A PART OF WHAT GOD IS DOING

We can only imagine the depth of the meaning in the phrase, “Mary was greatly troubled”. Despite her youth, her sense of inadequacy and ability to prepare – she responded to the call of God by saying, “I am the Lord’s servant... may your word to me be fulfilled”. Mary was all in. There are many examples of God using young people (young in age or in maturity) as his instruments for his purposes in the world. When we stop to recognize that God is the one who uses us perfectly in our weakness and when we are willing to respond in obedience, we begin to see that there are no barriers, even age, to prevent us from being a part of what God is doing to rescue this world!

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² 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, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ 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 the Son of God. ³⁶ 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. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:26-38

THIS WEEK:

Reflection: We began this series asking, what God might be doing in us next. As we consider the truth that God calls and equips us in our old age as well as in our youth – where has God uniquely gifted you? What has God passionately been putting on your heart for his purposes? Do we think “I’m not ready for that yet”? Perhaps if we are not “young”, how do we encourage the young people that their place is now? How we can extend this to the children in our midst?

Application: Invite a loved one, a small group, a spouse, or a deep friend to reflect with you on how God has uniquely gifted you? Ask them, “where do you see that God has gifted me and called me for his purposes?” Also, specifically consider a young person in your life – take time to name a gift you see in them. Share with them as an encouragement this week!

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