

# Sermon Notes

“Mary Meets Messenger”  
Luke 1:26-38

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How Luke tells his Christmas story:

Luke 1:26-38

400 years

The structure of God’s promise claimed:

1. Gabriel, angel:
2. Mary’s response:
3. Gabriel adds:
4. Mary hangs in there:
5. God’s promise ...  
A1:  
A2:  
A3:
6. Mary’s claim:  
A1:  
A2:



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# Digging Deeper This Week

Luke 4:1-13 For the week of December 4, 2016

**Use this sheet as a study guide to share with your family, friends, or Connect Group.**

**Connect** – *Open with prayer, asking God to help you to grow in your relationship with God, your relationships with each other as you study God’s Word. Use these or modify as needed.*

- **Icebreaker:** What is some of the biggest news you’ve ever received in your life? ... How did you respond?
- **Check in:** What “God-sighting” (seeing God in action) did you have this week? How did God help you follow through on your commitments this past week?

**Grow** – *Enjoy a time of Bible reading and reflection together.*

- Have someone read (or take turns) Luke 1:26-38 out loud.
- Using your five senses, how do you picture this whole scene, in your mind? What would you have been thinking, feeling ... if you were Mary?
- What was the hardest for Mary to comprehend in Gabriel’s message? ... being “favored” by God? ... pregnancy!?! ... who this child would be?
- God’s Word does not fail. Nothing is impossible with God. What has helped you believe this? How have you struggled to believe this?
- What are some ways we can “bear” Jesus to someone this month?

**Serve** – *Commit to actions you will take this week in following Jesus and serving others. This week...*

- I feel led to pray for:
- I sense God is preparing me to:
- I commit to:

**Pray** – *Share and pray together before departing.*

- My greatest joy that I’m thankful for is:
- My deepest concern that I request prayer for is: