

Sunday, December 1, 2013



## Mary of Nazareth – A Humble Yes

### How to use Talk It Over:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps. You can use this study guide with your small group, your family, or on your own.

### Today's Key Idea:

God's grace and favor are not the promise of a life of comfort and blessing, but it means a life of risk.

### Key Questions:

- Reflect on the quote from Adam Hamilton's "The Journey"... how might your life change if you embraced the truth of these words?

*"In Mary's moment of decision, we see a witness and example of how we are to live. Her mission reminds us that God's call is sometimes difficult. It may lead us to set aside our own plans. It may mean giving up hopes and dreams we have cherished for a lifetime. It may mean risks. It may be frightening."*

- What if Christmas is less about buying, eating, visiting, etc., and more about saying "yes" to God?
- Where might God be calling you that you have been saying "no" to for a while? How might your life change if you trusted God enough to humbly say "yes"?

### Daily Bible Readings:

Read this scripture as a family and begin to reflect on what will lead to contentment in your lives.

- Day 1: Isaiah 6:1-8
- Day 2: I Samuel 3:1-10
- Day 3: Jeremiah 1:4-10
- Day 4: Matthew 5:1-11
- Day 5: Acts 9:1-19
- Day 6: Luke 1:26-38