

## There's Something About Mary

### Word

#### Scripture Reference

Galatians 4:4-5

#### Discussion Questions

1. What special thing do you appreciate about your mother?
2. Mary was a godly Jewish woman who knew the Word of God. She was a woman of faith who loved God deeply and had an obedient and humble spirit. She was given the most incredible gift and responsibility imaginable: bringing the Savior into the world. There are things about Mary that should encourage and challenge us. First, she trusted in the Lord (Matthew 1:19-20). Faith in God is indeed significant. Our spiritual walk begins when we put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, then continues as a faith journey from beginning to end. In what way could you see that Mary trusted the Lord? Mary listened to God's Word, that's why she knew she could trust God. Are you trusting God in your life? How does reading and listening to God's Word enable you to trust Him in your daily life?
3. Mary said "YES" to God's plan (Luke 1:38). Mary said yes to the impossible, and regardless of her situation, Mary willingly obeyed what God told her to do. Jesus Himself willingly said yes to God's will when He accepted the cup of God's wrath for our sins on the cross. Could you honestly say to God, "May Your will be done?" Why does your simple faith matter to God? Share an instance when you told God, "Your will be done" even when you did not know everything that His will for you entails.
4. Mary was a woman of worship (Luke 1:45-55; Romans 12:1, 2). She worshipped the Lord. She had given herself to the Lord as a tangible way of demonstrating her worship of God. Discuss the

ways you could tangibly worship God by your services to Him.

5. Mary turned to Jesus for help (John 2:3-5). When the hosts ran out of wine in a wedding in Cana, Mary turned to Jesus for help. She even instructed the servants to do whatever Jesus said to do. When do you turn to Jesus for help? Discuss how you could cultivate the habit of turning to Jesus when you are in need. What does Philippians 4:6-7 promise to those who turn to Jesus for help?
6. Mary was faithful to the end (John 19:25; 2 Timothy 4:7). Mary was faithfully with Jesus to the end. She witnessed His death on the cross. She finished well. In what particular area(s) of your life do you want to finish well? Share how you could develop faithfulness in what you do so that you will finish well.
7. Mary fulfilled God's purposes (Galatians 4:4-5). Mary, a simple woman, was part of God's purpose to save the people of this world from their sin (Genesis 3:15). A Christian will either be consumed by his problems or his purpose. Share at least one of your purposes in life. How are you motivated by your purpose to live a life that is committed to God, just like Mary did?

### Walk

True success is becoming all that God wants you to be and doing all that He wants you to do and hearing Him say "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your master." Like Mary, will you trust in the Lord? Will you go along with His purposes? Will you turn to Jesus for help? Will you say "Yes!" to Him? If you find it hard to do any of these things, would you allow Him to help you out to draw you closer to Him?

### Worship & Prayer

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the great example of Mary's faith in You. She could have said NO when You called her for the particular purpose of being my Savior's earthly mother and missed the many blessings it brought about when she followed you. Help me to always seek Your will in every aspect of my life because it is only then that my purpose in this world will be good and well done. Help me to be faithful in the things that you have entrusted me to care for whether at home, in my work or in my relationships. Above all, may You find me faithful as Your child. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

