



Discussion Questions

Surprise!: Message 4 – Worth the Wait

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Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together alongside the Holy Spirit. It's good to begin with prayer and 1-2 ice breaker questions to prime the pump and get to know one another. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Make sure to conclude with a couple of application questions to live out our mission together. Finish with some time to care for one another and pray together.

Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)

1. What is something you waited for a long time? Did you receive it? Was it worth the wait?
2. What is a challenge you are facing?
3. What is one thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?
4. If you want to watch the intro video again, go to <https://skitguys.com/videos/witness-his-majesty-the-mother-of-mary>

Read and discuss Luke 1:26-38

1. Have someone retell this passage in their own words.
2. What do you learn about Jesus from the angel's announcement?
3. From what you know, how did Jesus fulfill the promises the angel said about him in Luke 1:31-33, 35?

Read Together: The Jews were expecting a Messiah that would bring justice, would free Israel from Roman rule, and would establish a good King from the line of David. In other words, Messiah would usher in the new age of God's Kingdom on earth.

4. Why do you think it was hard for people to believe Jesus was the Messiah? Would you have believed?
5. By the time Jesus was born, the Jewish people had waited over 600 years for their Messiah. What doubts and faith-issues do you think they experienced as a result?
6. What doubts and faith-issues have you experienced in the realization that God does not fulfill his promises the way you expect?
7. What does this passage reveal about God?
8. What does this passage reveal about people?

Application

1. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. What does it mean for you "strip off every weight that slows us down" (NLT)? How do you keep your eyes on Jesus in the midst of the struggle?
2. Read Revelation 21:3-4, a description of God's Kingdom fully realized. How much should this promise affect your daily life?

3. How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Everyone creates an 'I Will' statement)
4. How can you bless someone else as a result of today's Scripture and discussion?
5. How can we as a group bless someone in response to this discussion?

Pray Together