

WEEK 1

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have if at all, your impressions of Mary changed or widened in this first week of devotionals?
2. Mary's response to the annunciation and the theological significance of what was happening to her is a pretty extraordinary testimony to her depth of understanding of the Old Testament. In what ways can we learn from Mary's example in our own understanding of the Old Testament to make sense of our day-to-day events in our lives and world? What areas of the Old Testament would you like to understand better and why?
3. Mary was a young, disadvantaged woman in a rather disregarded part of the world, but chosen by God to play a role in the coming of the Messiah. Spend some time reflecting on this and discussing what Mary's voice can teach us in who get's a role in the Kingdom today and the inclusive nature of God's calling for each of us. Discuss ways in which Mary's extraordinary role in the coming of Christ can shape our faith and understanding of God's view of women in his Kingdom.
4. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and celebrating Christmas through the lens of Mary's voice and heart -- how can we take what we are learning through Mary's Voice into our wider communities?