

Care Group Discussion Guide Celebration Church

A Great Example of Motherhood: Mary, the Mother of Jesus

1. God bestowed favor on Mary (Luke 1:26-38).

A. We have here an account given of the mother of our Lord, of whom he was to be born, whom, though we are not to pray to, yet we ought to praise God for (Matthew Henry).

B. Children are a gift from God and a sign of His favor (Psalms 127:3).

C. Luke 1:46-55 in The Message Bible

“And Mary said, I’m bursting with God-news; I’m dancing the song of my Savior God. God took one good look at me, and look what happened— I’m the most fortunate woman on earth! What God has done for me will never be forgotten, the God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others. His mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe before him. He bared his arm and showed his strength, scattered the bluffing braggarts. He knocked tyrants off their high horses, pulled victims out of the mud. The starving poor sat down to a banquet; the callous rich were left out in the cold; He embraced his chosen child, Israel; he remembered and piled on the mercies, piled them high. It’s exactly what he promised, beginning with Abraham and right up to now.”

2. Mary was a personal mother.

A. She cared for and nurtured the Son of God (John 1:3 and 1:14)

B. She was a real mother (Matthew 2:11).

C. She could see what others could not see (John 2:5)

i. She knew Jesus was the son of God and He could work miracles.

3. Mary was a pondering mother.

A. Mary at Jesus’ birth (Luke 2:19).

i. She pondered the words that people said about Jesus.

B. Mary at the cross (John 19:25).

i. She had a fruitful faith that produced godly action.

4. Mary was a praying mother.

A. She was in the upper room praying (Acts 1:14).

i. This is the last time we see Mary in the Bible because she had fulfilled her purpose.

5. Mary was a submissive mother.

A. She was happy to yield (Luke 1:38).

B. She was submissive to God and her husband.