



Session #2

Joseph and Mary (Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25)

Breaking the Ice:

Share one fact with your group that most people “would not believe” about you.

Exploration:

Read: [Luke 1:26-38](#)

What about God’s plan would seem like a threat to Mary’s future?

How did she respond to the announcement of Jesus coming?

How does faith factor into her response?

Read: *Matthew 1:18-25*

What does Joseph's plan of action regarding Mary's pregnancy say about the kind of man he was?

Why would Joseph's position require more faith than Mary's?

Since both birth announcements include references to prophecy that Mary and Joseph would have been aware of, do you think their previous exposure to God's Word prepared them for this event? How? What does this encourage us to do?

Describe in your own words what is similar about Joseph and Mary's conclusion to the angelic announcement they both received.

Bringing it Home

Where do you see faith intersecting with your life right now? In the past? In the future?

What can you do now that will enable you to live more by faith in the future?

What part does sharing life with another play in the development of strong faith?

Bottom Line

God wants us to take Him at His Word and act accordingly.