

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.*

December

## *Jesus' Birth Foretold*

### INTRODUCTION

What difference does it make that Jesus was born of a virgin?

### OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

#### **Read Luke 1:26-38**

1. What do we learn about Mary from Gabriel?
2. Would you say that Gabriel was commending her virtue or recognizing the reality of God's grace to her? Joshua 1:5 What do you think would Mary have said?
3. What do we learn about Jesus? What is His mission?
4. What was Mary having a hard time understanding? Do you think her question was more of doubt (like Zechariah - Lk 1:18) or of wonder? Vs 34
5. How did Gabriel answer Mary's question? What proof did he give to reassure her? Vv 36-37
6. How did Mary demonstrate her faith? Vs 38 What difference did that make?

#### **Read Matt 1:18-25**

7. Why is it important that Joseph was a descendent of David? 2 Sam 7:16; Ps 132:11
8. What difference did it make that Jesus was a son instead of a daughter? Is 7:14
9. Why is it important that the Holy Spirit was Jesus' father and not Joseph?
10. How did Joseph demonstrate his faith? Vv 24-25 What difference did that make?

### APPLICATION

God honors faith. Heb 11:2 How is your faith in Jesus' miraculous birth showing that you are honoring God this Christmas?