

Life Application Questions

Consider the following sermon-based questions for your individual study or with a group of folks like one of the several Life Groups available at Chilson Hills.

Foundational Scripture

Luke 1:46-49

Featured Scripture Reflection

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. (Luke 1:46-49, NIV)

Opening Icebreaker

Whether you are male or female, have children or not, how have you “mothered” children? Is the care of children something God has in mind for you, no matter what time of life you are in? How do you see yourself acting on God’s call for you?

Scripture Questions

What is the Scripture Saying?

- What is Mary’s first reaction to the angel Gabriel’s announcement?
- How does her reaction develop from here? How does it move outward?
- Does she even seem to consider the severe consequences of an unwed woman’s pregnancy?

How is your life touched?

- How do you respond emotionally and spiritually when you read these verses from Mary’s Song (The Magnificat)? Are you humbled? Do you feel echoes of her joy? Something else?
- If you have children, or children who are close to you, how did you feel when you knew that new life was just around the corner? Can you describe the feeling?
- As you see children grow, at home, in church, or in the community, do you ever feel the need, as Mary did, to tell them that it is time to start the work of their lives?

What is God’s invitation for you?

- In Mary’s story, we realize that parents and other adults never “retire” from the life God calls them to. Whether you are a young person or retired from the workforce, what is God calling you to do?

What can you pray for?

Pray that we, the people of Chilson Hills, will always rejoice in the Lord and in our ability to serve him. Pray that we will always respond with service with humility and rejoicing—rejoicing in Him, and rejoicing in the blessing he bestows upon us by choosing us for his service, whether it be great or small.