

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from December 21, 2014
Gabriel's Conversation with Mary
Luke 1:26-38**

Observing the text

Read Luke 1:26-38 and make as many observations as possible. What details were shared about Mary in Luke 1:26-27?

Why would Mary become "perplexed" by Gabriel's very positive greeting? What did Gabriel do to comfort Mary?

What were the blessings that God was going to pour out on Mary?

Why did Gabriel mention the pregnancy of Elizabeth in Luke 1:36?

How did Mary respond to what she had been told in Luke 1:38?

Applying the sermon

Why did Gabriel tell Mary that she was a favored one?

What was Mary's understanding of what had been told to her? Why do you sometimes struggle to understand God's word?

How did Mary respond to Gabriel's announcement and promised blessing? How does this compare with your response to God?

How has your life manifested so that you have embraced your blessing with the same degree of surrender as Mary?