

OUR LORD'S MOTHER

Selected scriptures

Introduction

Luke 1:28

I. Mary Teaches Us the Submission of Motherhood – Luke 1:38, Proverbs 31:27-28,30

II. Mary Teaches Us the Support of Motherhood – Luke 1:41-45

III. Mary Teaches Us the Surprise of Motherhood – Luke 1:29, Luke 2:18-19, Luke 2:33, Luke 2:48

IV. Mary Teaches Us the Suffering of Motherhood – Luke 2:34-35, 3 John 4, John 19:26-27, Luke 1:46-47

Conclusion

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Getting Started

1. When you think about your mother, what qualities do you admire about her?
Which of her qualities do you most want to emulate?

2. What were some of the ways your mother revealed her love and devotion for you and the rest of your family?

Going Deeper

1. Luke describes Mary as the “highly favored one” and called her “blessed among women.” Read Luke 1:26-56 and then list the qualities of Mary.

2. Pastor Jeremiah spoke of Mary as a shining example of submission. What exactly does it mean to be in submission to someone else?

3. Perhaps better than most, Jesus's mother, Mary, knew the unexpected upheavals of motherhood. She was visited by angels, shepherds, kings, and prophets. She mothered the Son of God. Read Luke 1:29, 2:18-19, 2:33, and 2:48. What was the overarching theme of her response? How would *you* have responded?

4. Motherhood is a beautiful blessing that (like much of life) is not without its difficulties. How does having a support system help in tough seasons? If you are a parent, talk about the support you rely on when you need it.

5. Read Luke 3:34-35. For Mary, her exalted role as the mother of the Messiah was always destined to be woven with suffering. Now, read Luke 1:38. How did her “let it be” attitude carry her through this?

Applying the Message

1. Mary submitted her life to serve the purpose that God called her to. How can you mirror this attitude in your life? What are some areas of your life that you need to place under God’s control?

2. One of the final things Jesus does on the cross is display His great love for His mother. If it is still possible, how can you display great love for your mother in the next week or so? If it’s not possible, how can you show love, respect, or honor to a mother you know?