

BIG IDEA

It's hard to see Jesus when you keep demanding more.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

How much information do you typically need before moving forward with a project or idea?

Read Luke 1:5-17. How does Luke describe the character of Zechariah? How do you think he will respond to the angel's message based on what you know about him?

Read Luke 1:18-25. Why might the angel respond to Zechariah the way he does?

Read Luke 1:26-38. Compare and contrast Mary's response to the angel with Zechariah's response. How were they similar? How were they different?

What can we learn from Zechariah and Mary about responding to God?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Who do you relate to more: Mary or Zechariah? Explain your answer.

What demands are you currently making of God? How are these demands impacting your relationship with him?

Respond to the following John Maxwell quote:

Most Christians are educated way beyond their level of obedience.

Be honest: is it lack of knowledge that holds you back from obedience or something else?

Read 2 Peter 1: 2-4. How would your life change if you lived as if this passage was true?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

In what ways is Jesus still pixelated to you?

What demands do you need to surrender in order to see Jesus more clearly?

Where have you been seeking signs and avoiding obedience?

What practical step is God leading you to take in response to this study?

