

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What is the strangest thing you have ever used/seen for wrapping paper?

- **1.** Take time to answer this question from the message, "How do you respond when life doesn't go according to plan?"
- 2. Read Matthew 1:18-25. Mary was *authentic* in receiving this unexpected news (see Luke 1:26-34). How authentic are you when surprised by unexpected news and why is it important to be authentic in your response?
- **3.** Mary *listened* when confronted with the unexpected (**Luke 1:35-37**). When encountering the unexpected, what is your tendency when it comes to listening...do you try to start solving the issue, start panicking, ask God to help you hear what He's saying, or something else entirely?
- **4.** When the unexpected approached her, Mary was *available* and *willing to trust*. (See **Luke 1:38**) Describe a time you felt God wanted you to be both available and willing to trust Him in the unexpected. What was the outcome?
- **5.** At the end of the message, you were asked, "How can you move from accepting God's plan to embracing His plan?" What steps will you take to move from acceptance to embracing God's plan as you encounter the unexpected?



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PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Matthew 11; Psalm 100 Day Twa: Leviticus 10; Proverbs 7 Day Three: 1 Corinthians 6; 2 Samuel 20 Day Four: 2 Peter 3; Jeremiah 34 Day Five: Job 38; Acts 16

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What are your ______ this Christmas?

• How do you _____ when life doesn't go according to plan?

Today, we're going to look at how one person responded to one of the most ______ moments in human history. (Matthew 1:18-25)

- In the unexpected, Mary was ______. (Luke 1:26-34)
- **2.** In the unexpected, Mary ______. (Luke 1:35-37)
- 3. In the unexpected, Mary was _____ and willing to ______ (Luke 1:38)

As Mary navigated the unexpected, she not only accepted God's plan but ______ it.

This Christmas at Riverside:

- Is there a _____ in your life right now?
- Are you being open and honest with God about your _____?
- Are you ______ to listen?
- How can you move from accepting God's plan to _____ His plan?







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What are your <u>expectations</u> this Christmas?

• How do you <u>respond</u> when life doesn't go according to plan?

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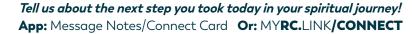
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As Mary navigated the unexpected, she not only accepted God's plan but <u>embraced</u> it.

This Christmas at Riverside:

- Is there a <u>surprise</u> in your life right now?
- Are you being open and honest with God about your <u>experience</u>?
- Are you <u>willing</u> to listen?
- How can you move from accepting God's plan to <u>embracing</u> His plan?





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