

“Life is full of the unexpected!”

Luke 1:26-38

1. Mary's life took an unexpected turn. In which way would you say that life has been full of the unexpected for you?
2. Read Luke 1:26-38. In which way do you find Mary's response remarkable? In which way did her response differ from that of John's father, Zechariah? (see Luke 1:5-25). What is the lesson here for us?
3. Mary had incomplete understanding and partial knowledge yet still trusted God. Are you someone who wants all the answers before you will trust the Lord?
4. Dr Clark Pinnock: “There's something much worse than a theologian who changes his mind; it's a theologian who never changes his mind.” Thoughts? Do you have as many questions as you had before you became a Christian? What are your questions now? How do they differ?
5. Mary had further revelation on Jesus (Luke 2:19 says that she treasured up things in her heart about him, which suggests an ongoing revelation). Share of a time that you chose to trust the Lord without having all the answers. What lessons did you learn from this?
6. Steve said that those who are never prepared to get out of the boat will never walk on water. What was his point? In which way might this apply to our lives on a day-to-day basis? Basically, what are the benefits that we might experience from daring to trust Jesus?