

Happy Mother's Day!

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|| Group Discussion Guide ||

MARY: EVERY MOTHER'S MODEL

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Mary was a young girl with an unexpected, extramarital pregnancy. Though her story is different (Luke 1:29, 34), some of her experiences relate. What lessons can women today learn from Mary as she was faithful to God during this difficult time?

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In what is known as "The Magnificat" (Luke 1:46-55), Mary expresses her praise to God that he has chosen her, an obscure, socially insignificant young girl to be his servant, the one to bear the Christ child. What does his choice of Mary teach us about God? How does Mary's response provide a model for mothers?

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One of the more embarrassing moments in Mary's motherly career was losing Jesus (Luke 2:43-52). What lessons do we learn about Mary's humanity? What about her mishap can be applied to every person, mother or not?

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It was during the wedding at Cana that Mary began showing early signs of obedience to her Son as her Savior. She said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5) How are Mary's words instructive to those seeking to follow Jesus today?

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After Mary the mother of Jesus, there are five other women in the Bible named Mary (Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany, Mary the mother of James, Mary the mother of John Mark, Mary of the church in Rome). Besides her being Jesus' mother, what characteristics and qualities of Mary's life stand out from among the others?

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There came a point in Jesus' life where he was publicly rejected. Mark 6:3 states, "and they took offense at him" as they referenced Mary saying, "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?" Given Mary's close relationship to her son, how do you think she received his rejection, while remaining a faithful mother and follower of Jesus?

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No one knows how hard it must have been for Mary to watch her own child be crucified (John 19:25). What can we learn about Mary's commitment to her Savior, and a mother's love for her child, by her physical presence at Golgotha (v. 17)?

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The last time Mary is mentioned in the New Testament is Acts 1:14 when she is said to be gathered with the 120 disciples in the upper room. What does the fact that she was among their number after Jesus' resurrection tell us about her faith?

