

### **Personal Application and Group Interaction:**

Finish this sentence, “I was thrilled this Christmas to get a Christmas card with the good news that....?”

It takes just a few lines in Luke to go from Mary hearing that she is going to give birth to the Son of God to willingly accept the news. What do you think prepared her to be so positive about all this? What does this tell you about what it takes for anyone to yield their lives to Jesus? How is this similar to the way you and your family have responded to Jesus?

It wasn't so hard for Mary to believe that she could give birth to the Son of God in her present condition once she remembered who it was that was behind it all. How has that been so for you when you have been faced with a very difficult situation?

How does this song of Mary help you understand the world you live in? How does it challenge the way you respond to that world?



## **From Shock to Awe!**

**Luke 1:34-55**

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Last week, Pastor Israel challenged us with a great question. What was it that prepared Mary to handle an angel's shocking pronouncement that she, a young virgin, would give birth to the Son of God? That question calls for some serious reflection. It involves a bit of shock and a whole lot of awe! The One who singled this young woman out to carry Jesus had the big picture in mind. What can we learn and apply to our understanding of that picture from the song of this young mother-to-be? What does this tell us about the path many people need to take in order to come to Jesus?

**Shocking!**

**Overjoyed!**

**Humbling!**

**Awesome!**