

**"If You Could Choose Your Mother"
(Luke 1-2, John 19)**

As the old saying goes, "*You can't choose your relatives!*" Jesus however, being God, did choose His own mother! The person He chose is an example for all mothers because she was a...

I. Separated Woman (Luke 1:27)

"...Gabriel was sent...to a virgin...and the virgin's name was Mary"

II. Submissive Woman (Luke 1:38)

"Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

III. Scripture-Filled Woman (Luke 1:46-55)

"My soul doth magnify the Lord...my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior."

IV. Sensitive Woman (Luke 2:49)

"...knew ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

V. Steadfast Woman (John 19:25-27)

"Now there stood at the cross of Jesus his mother..."

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Share a good memory of your mother, or something you appreciate about your mother.

- 1. Which of the 5 qualities of a godly mother (godly Christian) spoke to you the most - as a challenge, encouragement or just a good reminder?**
- 2. Explain the statement – "*What we do speaks louder than what we say.*" How is this especially true in influencing and training children?**
- 3. How can we help our children to be "separated" from the world but not "isolated" from the world?**
- 4. How can we best help our children discern God's plan for their lives?**
- 5. Other than your parents and spouse, who is someone that had a positive impact on your life (maybe by their example or as a mentor)? What were the positive things about them that influenced you?**

Small Group Prayer Time

Make a list of moms in our church who still have children in the home. Pray for each mom (and child) by name during the small group prayer time.

Digging Deeper

- 1. Several interactions of Jesus with mothers are recorded in the gospels. What are some lessons we can learn from each of these accounts? (Mat 8:14-15; 12:46-50; 15:21-28; Lk 7:11-15; 23:27-31; Jn 19:25-27)**
- 2. Jot down what instruction or warning each of the following Proverbs gives us about honoring our mothers – Proverbs 1:8; 6:20; 10:1; 15:20; 19:26; 20:20; 23:22-25; 28:24; 29:15, 17; 30:11, 17; 31:28-29.**
- 3. Put Mary's prayer in Luke 1:46-55 alongside Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2:1-10 and note the striking similarities. What do these prayers teach us about the heart of a godly mother?**