

The Big Gift: First Response November 26, 2023 | Matt Anderson

Warm up

- 1. How was your Thanksgiving?
- 2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

Dig in

- 3. Read Luke 1:26-37. List the unbelievable titles and traits that the angel used to describe Mary's unborn son.
- 4. What could this have been like to hear as a parent? How is the Gospel of Jesus "hard" to believe when you really think about what it is declaring?
- 5. Read Luke 1:39-45. What can we learn by watching Mary's response to this unbelievable message, particularly related to spending time with other believers? Why does this help Jesus feel more real and valuable?
- 6. The unborn John leaps for joy because of what his mother hears about Jesus. How does what we take in impact others around us?

Digging deeper (extra credit!)

7. Talk about the questions you can ask related to what you take in. What helps you to feel more grateful, loving, thankful, and able to encourage others in their faith? What gets in the way, especially during the Holiday season?



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How do we respond to such a gift?
Luke 1:26-37
Hey Mary, your son's gunna be
Luke 1:39-45 (How does Mary respond?)
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May Jesus be our response!