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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. Discuss the meaning and significance of this quote by Stewart Mulligan: *As the Son of Man, Jesus had no father. As the son of God, he had no mother.*
2. After briefly reviewing this week's message (including our key text – **Luke 1:26-38**), share one thing that most challenged, encouraged, or perplexed you.

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3. Note the difference in the angel's response to Mary and Zachariah – he gets in trouble for asking a question (**Luke 1:18-20**); she just gets an answer (**Luke 1:34-35**). Why do you think God responds differently to each question? What lesson might be in this for us as the question-asking bunch that we are?
4. Read about Mary's connection with Elizabeth in **Luke 1:39-56**. a) What verse stands out to you the most in this passage? Why? b) Elizabeth is much older than Mary. What value do you see in cross-generational friendships? Talk about your own experience. c) To what extent do Mary's words in **vv. 46-47** reflect your own experience? Explain. d) More than once (e.g., **v. 38 & 48**) Mary refers to herself as a "slave" (a stronger word than "servant", missed by some translations). In what ways is slavery an appropriate analogy for our relationship with God?

SO WHAT?...

5. Take a few moments (3-5 minutes) to meditate on either **Luke 1:37 OR 1:38** as it applies to your spiritual journey. If you like, after meditating share any new insights or old reminders that have come to mind.
6. Are you 'dragging your feet' in any areas of your life where God has called you to partner with him in radical ways? After reading **vv. 37-38**, close by praying for each other regarding this.

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