

## **The Power of Why | True Story - Episode 2 | Pastor Guy**

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### **Discussion Questions**

#### **# Summary**

Pastor Guy's message focused on the true story of Christmas, emphasizing the role of Mary, the mother of Jesus. He highlighted Mary's journey from a young peasant girl to the mother of the Messiah, emphasizing her willingness to say 'yes' to God's plan. The message underscored the importance of being open to God's asks in our lives, as Mary's yes led to a life full of purpose and impact. We are encouraged to reflect on our own willingness to say yes to God and to consider the transformative power of such a decision.

#### **# Intro Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for bringing us here today to delve into the true story of Christmas. Open our hearts and minds to receive Your message, and help us to be receptive to what You want us to learn and apply in our lives. May we be inspired by Mary's faith and willingness to say yes to You. Amen.

#### **# Ice Breaker**

What is your favorite Christmas song and why does it hold a special place in your heart?

#### **# Key Verses**

1. Luke 1:26-38
2. Luke 2:1-7
3. Deuteronomy 16:17

#### **# Questions**

1. What stood out to you the most about Mary's story in today's sermon?
2. How do you think Mary's life changed after she said 'yes' to God?
3. Have you ever experienced a time when saying 'yes' to God led to unexpected blessings?
4. What are some challenges you face when trying to say 'yes' to God's asks in your life?
5. How can we support each other in our group to be more open to God's guidance?
6. What does it mean to you that 'no word from God will ever fail'?
7. How can we apply the lesson of Mary's faith in our daily lives?
8. Is there something specific God is asking you to do right now? How can the group pray for you in this?

## **# Life Application**

This week, identify one area in your life where you feel God is asking you to say 'yes'. Take a step of faith in that direction and share your experience with someone you trust.

## **# Key Takeaways**

1. Mary's willingness to say 'yes' to God changed the course of her life and history.
2. God's asks may lead us to unexpected and challenging paths, but they are always backed by His power.
3. Every believer has a unique story and journey with God, just like Mary.
4. Saying 'yes' to God opens up new opportunities for His work in our lives.
5. The true story of Christmas is about real people and God's real intervention in history.