

11 December 2016

**1. God wants to . . . . . favour to ordinary people. 1:26-28**

*God takes the . . . . . to give favour*

God has a Plan

Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life. John 14:6

*God is . . . . . when He gives favour*

Yes, God is able to do infinitely more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20  
God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, and at all times, having all you need, you will abound in all the good you do. 2 Corinthians 9:8

*. . . . . Himself is His favour*

When we have nothing left but God, we discover that God is enough.

**2. God wants to . . . . . with ordinary people. 1:29-33**

*God's favour is bigger than my . . . . .*

Fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23

*God's favour is bigger than my . . . . .*

Run the race set before us. Hebrews 12:1

*God's favour is bigger than my . . . . .*

**3. God wants to . . . . . ordinary people. 1:34-37**

God's favour is bigger than my . . . . .

An intelligent faith must be . . . . .

God's favour is bigger than my . . . . .

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**4. God wants to . . . . . me become an extraordinary person. 1:26-28**

Well done, good and faithful . . . . .

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*Discussion starters, or for personal reflection*

1. The angel told Mary she was "highly favoured". What is the meaning of "favour"?
2. Is it possible for God to highly favour other people too? If so, why would God do that?
3. What are the best responses to being highly favoured by God?
4. What were Mary's first responses to God's announcement (Lk.1:29, 30, 34)? What punishment did she receive for her responses?
5. Is it possible for me to use God's favour? Read Ephesians 3:20 and 2 Corinthians 9:8 for clues.
6. Now be practical. What is one way you can put God's favour into practice this week?
7. Why do you think God names Himself as His highest favour to you, rather than an object or an experience?
8. Write a list of the top five ways that God has highly favoured you. Is that enough fuel for thanksgiving?
9. What is my best response to Luke 1:37?

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*My prayer priorities for this week*