

The Gift of Purpose Luke 1-2 and Matthew 2

- 1. God, the source of <u>purpose</u>, generously gives us purpose as a <u>good gift</u>.
 - God's nature
 - Mary's story

2. Allow God's gift of purpose to <u>encourage</u> you and <u>bless</u> others.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. What is the best Christmas present you have ever received? Why was it special? Remember, it may be non-material.
- 2. Do you ever struggle with believing your life has a purpose? Read the Mary stories, and try to see both the human and divine side of her life. (Luke 1:26-2:25; Matthew 2:1-23)
- 3. Compare Isaiah 46:9-10 with Romans 8:28. How does this help you deal with the challenges of your life?
- 4. Discuss some specific ways you can share your purpose in blessing others.

MEMORY VERSE

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:28