

## **Bible Study: Called by Name**

**Purpose:** To illustrate that God has a intention for each of us, and He knows us down to the last detail. We all matter to the Lord, and have a specific calling on our lives. By seeking His will for our lives, we can best serve the kingdom of God. We talked about Jeremiah, and how he had a destiny to fulfill, even from before his birth. Also touched on Samson's story, how he was a Nazarite from birth. Tied this into when Jesus was born, how the Lord instructed Mary to name him.

### **JUDGES 13:3-7**

- Q:** Why is it so important that he not partake of anything from the world?
- Q:** What is significant about him not cutting his hair?
- Q:** What exactly is a Nazarite?
- Q:** Should we feel discouraged when we feel different from everyone else?

### **JUDGES 15:14-20**

- Q:** Does being set apart for God mean you have to be a push-over?
- Q:** What is significant about the number 1000 here? (Deuteronomy 32:30)
- Q:** So, if he defeated 1000, then how many can we put to flight?
- Q:** The Lord provided strength and refreshment. Can we take this campus?

### **JEREMIAH 1:4-19**

- Q:** Does God make mistakes? Are we who we are by accident or circumstance?
- Q:** What excuse does Jeremiah give God? Do we ever try to deny God's calling?
- Q:** He's given awesome responsibility, this can be scary. Should we be afraid?
- Q:** The Lord tells him of future events. Do you ever question God's prediction?
- Q:** What assurance is offered to Jeremiah?

### **MATTHEW 1:18-25**

- Q:** Why was Joseph going to divorce Mary? What happened to change his mind?
- Q:** What was God doing by taking this course of action?
- Q:** What do you think Joseph was thinking during all of this? Freaked out a little?
- Q:** How would you have raised the Son of God as his earthly parent?

### **LUKE 1:26-38**

- Q:** What is the difference between Joseph's and Mary's attitudes?
- Q:** Shouldn't she be the one who's the most upset?
- Q:** What does God say of her obedience to following Him?
- Q:** Remembering Jeremiah's reaction to God, how did this differ from Mary?

**WHEN YOU FEEL DISCOURAGED, REMEMBER GOD HAS A DIVINE PLAN!**