

2012-13 BSP#2 Group Time Discussion

L – Low, M – Medium, and H – High, indicate the difficulty of a question. Group leaders should select questions that are challenging to their groups but not so difficult that their group members cannot answer.

(A) “He Opened to Us the Scriptures” - Questions for scriptural reading and discussion
(Time available: 10 minutes. Do any 2 questions.) 「祂給我們講解了聖經」 - 為讀經及共同討論的問題(用十分鐘時間，討論 2 個問題)

1. [H] Read Genesis 25:21-26. Compare Rebekah’s pregnancy experience with Elizabeth’s pregnancy experience as described in Luke 1:41. What are the similarities? 請看創 25:21-26 和路 1:41，並比較黎貝加和依撒伯爾兩人懷胎時的經驗。她們有何相似的地方？
2. [M] The Messiah is described as the rising sun at dawn in Luke 1:78. If her son is the rising sun, what is Mary who shone in the night of the Advent expectation? 路 1:78 將默西亞形容為清晨高昇的太陽。若聖母的兒子是清晨高昇的太陽，在將臨期的黑夜中和充滿祈待中照耀的聖母又是甚麼呢？
3. [L] “The day” in Luke 1:78 can also be understood as “the rising”. It refers to the Messiah. In Zechariah 3:8, the Messiah is referred to as a branch. How do these two passages agree? 路 1:78 中所述的「旭日」也解作「升起」，指默西亞而言。匝加利亞 3:8 中，默西亞被指為「苗芽」。兩者可有共通之處？

(B) “Did Not Our Hearts Burn?” – Discuss the questions below for meditation, prayer, and application. (Suggested time: 10 minutes) “我們的心不是火熱的嗎? “為默想，祈禱，實踐”的題目，請用十五分鐘討論以下問題。

In what respects is it appropriate to compare Mary to the Ark of the Covenant? Do you know of any other New Testament passages where she is compared to the Ark? Why is that comparison important to modern Christians?
為何要將聖母與約櫃相比？兩者在那方面相似？新約中還有沒有其它經文將聖母與約櫃相比？這比較對於今日的基督徒有何重要性？