

10-2 The God Bearer

Questions for discussion

1. What might Mary's choices have cost her? (middle of page 3)
2. Do you want to share a personal example of the weight and cost of "bearing?" (second whole paragraph of page 8)
3. What does it mean to have a faith that is "vibrant and textured?" (bottom of page 6)
4. Imagine a less dramatic, more conventional birth story—that leaves out the virgin birth, trip to Bethlehem, angels, Magi, star, the slaughter of the innocents, etc. However, these elements remain: God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus; she agreed; from the moment of conception, Mary knew that Jesus would be someone extraordinary; and, she knew her son's life would end tragically. How would this change or shape your understanding and appreciation of Mary?