**“Jesus & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” Part 3**

**May 10 & 11**

**Speaker: Matt Price**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Icebreaker:** If you could live in anywhere in the world - where would you live? Why?

**Scripture Reflection: Luke 1:28-38;** [20 mins]

Read the passage:

* What is happening in this passage?
* What do I see about God? What is God doing (or inviting us) in this passage?
* What do I see about man? What are people doing?

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. In this series we’ve been looking at encounters people had with Jesus. Perhaps Mary (the mother of Jesus) spent the most time with him. What stood out to you in hearing of Mary’s recorded interactions with Jesus?
2. Matt first pointed out that Mary *received* Jesus. Why do you think this is a significant point?
	1. Think of your first encounter with Jesus - how did you receive him?
	2. How do you we make space in our heart/life to continue to receive Jesus in an ongoing way?
3. Secondly, Matt taught us that Mary *carried* Jesus. Yes she carried him physically but more importantly she carried him in her heart.
	1. How do you carry Jesus in the places/spaces you move in?
	2. Are people around you aware that you carry Jesus in your heart? If not how can live to show this?
4. Mary was also challenged to keep her *attention* on Jesus. Matt read the story in Luke 2:41-51 where Mary lost sight of a 12 year old Jesus and lost him for 3 days.
	1. In your own journey of faith - have you ever lost sight of Jesus?
	2. How can you challenge yourself to keep your attention on Jesus?
5. Lastly, Jesus gave his disciples the command to care for Mary. In other words they were charged to care for something that Jesus cared for.
	1. What are some of the things that Jesus cared about that he entrusted into our care?
	2. How are you caring for something Jesus cared for? What is it that you are doing to care for this?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Receive prayer requests and pray for one another.