

Personal/Group Study Guide
Week of Dec 23, 2007
Just 1—"Be The One"

Read Matthew 1:18-25. Why would God choose Joseph to be Jesus' earthly father? Joseph was a simple carpenter, from a lowly town, a man whose mind was twisting a thousand ways at once. How does God's choice of Joseph to be Jesus' earthly father inspire you and your "chosen status" before God?

Read Luke 1:26-28. With Mary in mind, what does it take to "be the one" with God's favor? How can you be God's favorite as well? Does God play favorites? How will you respond to being God's "favored one"?

Read Luke 1:39-45; 1:5-25 & 1:57-80. Elizabeth was to "be the one" who bore John the Baptist, the preparer of the way of the Lord. Elizabeth was the chosen one to birth the one Isaiah prophesied about even though she was old and was disgraced by her peers. What does this tell you about "being the one" God chooses?

Read Luke 1:5-25; 57-66 & 67-80 Zechariah was an educated priest. However, being learned may have derailed him from "being the one". How do "how questions" derail you from accepting God assignments and "being the one" who assists in preparing the way for the Savior?

Read Luke 3:4-6 John the Baptist was "to be the one" to prepare the way of the Lord. He did this while wearing strange clothes, eating interesting food, living in the desert and scream preaching. He was also beheaded. How are you experiencing God's call to prepare the way of the Lord in order that all mankind will see God's salvation? How will you respond?

Read Luke 2:1-20 Take note of the animals, the shepherds, Mary, Joseph, even Ceasar Augustus, Quirinius, Herod and angels are all "to be the ones" to usher in the Savior of the world. Some did not want "to be the ones" to usher in the Lord and Savior of the world - Jesus Christ. Others did so willingly. It's time to be the one! What will that take on your part? Remember Jesus is the one and only Savior and Lord—Just the 1!