

The Three Wise Women: A Christmas Reflection by Christin Ditchfield

Questions for Personal Reflection / Small Group Conversation

Mary: A Willing Heart

What were my hopes and dreams when I was younger? How has my life turned out -- in what ways as expected and in what ways unexpected?

What has it cost me to say "yes" to God — to make room in my heart and life for Jesus?

If I had it to do over again, would I? What would I do differently? What would I tell my younger self?

Where is God asking me to say "yes" to Him today? Am I willing? Or willing to be made willing? What do I need to let go of to be fully available to Him? How can I bring God glory in my heart and life today?

Elizabeth: A Hearing Heart

What have been some of the hardest, most painful or challenging experiences in my life? What did I learn from them? How did I run FROM or TO God in my suffering?

Who are the women who have been godly role models, examples, or mentors in my life?

Who are the women in my life today that I can serve as a role model, example, or mentor? How would I do that? What might it look like?

How can I have a "hearing heart"? What can I do to be more attentive to the presence of the Holy Spirit and hear more clearly what God is saying to me today?

Anna: A Faithful Heart

Where has God called me to faithfulness right now? What "small" things has He asked me to do "with great love"?

What is the theme of my life story or my testimony (my faith story) -- what kind of legacy do I hope to leave?

How can I be intentional about declaring the goodness and greatness of God to the next generation?

How can I have a "faithful heart" like Anna's? How can I devote more time to prayer and worship? How can I cultivate an "attitude of gratitude" so that as I age, I grow better and not bitter?