

**It's a Wonderful Life—It Matters**  
**Study Questions**  
**Luke 1:39-45; Ephesians 2:10**

**Warm-up**

**1) Name someone who has made a lasting impact on your life. What did they do or say? How do you think they might have viewed their part in that episode of your life?**

**A little deeper**

**2) [Luke 1:39-45] Either person in this passage could have made different choices, and things might have gone differently. How do you think Elizabeth's words impacted Mary? What might have been different if she kept silent about John's movement in her womb, or if she came up with an excuse not to host Mary at all?**

**3) Obviously, God's plan would continue forward in some way no matter what any of us chooses, but the choices we make do still affect other people. How different might things have been if Mary wasn't as faithful to God or to Jesus's well-being at any point in her life?**

**4) [Ephesians 2:10] Let this passage sink in again. We are God's handiwork—his masterpiece. Not only did he knit us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13), but he created us *anew* in Jesus! What do you think is our role in accomplishing the works God has set for us to do?**

**Where should our focus be when fulfilling that role—should it be on the works we are to accomplish, or on something else?**

**Bringing it home**

**5) What about you has changed since God created you anew? What value do you think God sees in you?**

**6) How much space do you give to the Holy Spirit to work in you and through you?**

**Do you try to work everything out on your own, or perhaps fill your life with activity? Or do you set aside time for prayer and meditating on God's Word?**

**Prayer**

Praise God for the life he has given each of us and thank Him for the value He has bestowed on our lives. Ask for forgiveness for a specific way you have interfered with His design for your life, and if you are so moved, give that area of your life over to Him.