



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 2: Conceived

Suggested Week of Use: December 13, 2020

Core Passage: Luke 1:26-38

News Story Summary

Brian Kemsley, a Muay Thai coach, stopped a kidnapping in Manhattan's Madison Square Park in mid-November. A man tried to kidnap a baby in a stroller. Other onlookers were trying to help and eventually the man's fingers pried from the stroller so the woman could escape with the baby and her other child. Kemsley used his martial arts training to pin the man to the ground and kept him from hurting himself or anyone else until police arrived. Kemsley said he was trying to de-escalate the situation and treat the man with dignity and respect as the man showed signs of mental illness. Kemsley said he did what any New Yorker would have done in that situation.

(For more information, search online using the terms, "Good Samaritan stops kidnapping in New York.")

Focus Attention

To replace the Focus Attention ideas, share the news story about the foiled kidnapping. Encourage the group to list options for how Kemsley could have responded when he encountered the situation (possible responses: ignore the situation, involve others, subdue the man, attack the man). After most have arrived, say: *Brian Kemsley was having an ordinary day when he faced this unusual situation. He had a choice about whether to get involved.* Explain that in today's study we will encounter an everyday person who also faced an unusual situation and chose to be involved.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Discuss idea under Summarize and Challenge, begin the step by saying: *Brian Kemsley was an ordinary guy who helped a woman whose baby was being kidnapped. Mary was an ordinary young woman whose baby would change the course of history.* Ask: *What might have happened if Brian had not stepped in? What might have happened if Mary had not surrendered to God? How might God be calling you to action? What are the potential consequences of obeying?* Complete the step, using the questions printed.