

Advent 2022

Week 2 (December 4)

Group leaders, consider these questions a guide, not a strict set of rules. Adapt the questions to your Group as you see fit.



Background

This Advent sermon series, *The Songs of Christmas*, examines how various people in the Scriptures responded to what God was doing in their midst. Last week, we studied Isaiah's song of hope where God's people looked forward to what God would do. This week, we will discuss Mary's song of praise where she extols God for what He is just about to do—bring the Savior into the world.

Study Questions

Read Luke 1:39-56

1. What are some ways that Mary describes God in her song (1:46-55)?
2. How does God lift up the lowly (1:46-50)
3. How does God lower the lofty (1:51-53)?
4. What promises did God fulfill to his people (1:54-55)?

Application Questions

1. Think of Mary's situation for a minute. She is a pregnant, unwed teenager. And yet she responds to the Lord with this song. How can her faith as a teenager inspire your own faith?
2. How does the passage encourage you even if you feel like you're currently in a low place?
3. What warning should we take from this passage?
4. How have you experienced God's mercy through the gospel this week?