

## MARY'S SONG

LUKE 1:46-56

12-17-23

### I. WHO WAS MARY?

*Luke 1:46-49 – “And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.’”*

1. She loved Scripture
2. She magnified the Lord
3. She needed saving
4. She was blessed

### II. WHO IS GOD?

*Luke 1:49-50 – “...for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.”*

1. Holy
2. Merciful
3. Immutable

### III. WHAT DOES HE DO?

Luke 1:51-55 – “He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

1. Demonstrates His power
  - ~ His power defies logic
2. He confuses the proud
3. He brings down the mighty and exalts the humble
4. He fills the hungry and sends away the rich

## 5. He is a helper

### ~ He remembers His promises to Israel

*Malachi 4:1 - "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch."*

*Malachi 4:2 - "But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings..."*

*Malachi 4:4 - "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel."*

### ~ He remembers His promises to us

*Genesis 22:18 - "...and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."*

## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. It's clear in this passage that Mary loved Scripture and it showed in her worship. How do we increase our love for Scripture? How has Scripture impacted your daily life (Parenting, work, conversations)?
3. Mary was blessed not because she had great life circumstances (poor, ridiculed, misunderstood) but because she had Jesus! What are some ways that your relationship with God blessed you in difficult seasons?
4. It would have been easy for Mary to not believe the promises of God. What things have helped you in your battle against unbelief?
5. Mary is very worshipful of God throughout this passage in Luke. How can you follow her example and be more intentional in your worship moving forward?
6. Mary's worship stemmed from her understanding of who God was and what He had done. What attributes of God were most pronounced to you through your circumstances and Scripture reading this past year? How did that cause you to worship God deeper?
7. Mary described many attributes and works that God had done. Which of those attributes and works of God in v.49-55 stuck out the most to you? Why?
8. Mary's song was a proclamation of who God is, and it encouraged and taught her listeners. How can we proclaim who God is this holiday season?