



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide
December 17, 2023

Refresh

Read Luke 1:39-45 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

How does Mary's relationship with Elizabeth remind us that God gives us people in our lives to encourage us in difficult times? What is God's primary means of encouragement for believers today? How has this means encouraged you in difficult times?

How does our passage remind us of the value of unborn babies in the womb? Why is it important to see God's valuing of unborn life throughout all of the Bible?

Why was it significant that Elizabeth was filled with Holy Spirit? What is the function of the Holy Spirit as it relates to Jesus in the life of believers (John 16:14)? Why do you think the Holy Spirit functions in this way?

Why is it so astonishing that God Himself would be born as a human baby? What does this tell us about God's love for those He saves? What does this tell us about our inability to reach Him on our own?

Why is it important to regularly remind ourselves of the profound grace we have been given in the incarnation? What is the danger of becoming numb to the reality of God becoming a man for sinners like us?

How does verse 43 testify of the deity of Christ? Why is it so significant that Jesus be truly God and truly man?

What is joy? Where is true joy found (Psalm 16:11)? If we know where true joy is found, why do we often look elsewhere for joy? How can we reorient our hearts and lives to find joy in the only place it can be truly known?