

SCC Small Group Discussion
Elizabeth's Song – Luke 1:39-45
Derived from a sermon on December 1, 2024 by Dr. Jeff Chandler

Getting Started:

Have you ever believed what God said in the Scriptures and been blessed for it?

Searching the Scriptures:

Luke 1:39-45

1. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke words about a special future for Mary. Has anything like that ever happened to you?
2. How are Mary and Elizabeth's faith an example to you?
3. In what area of your life do you need to believe that nothing is impossible with God (see verse 37)?

The following questions are drawn from the readings of this week's devotional on the topic of hope:

Isaiah 9:6 - *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders."*

4. How does this prophecy about Jesus raise your expectations and sense of wonder about the kingdom of God?

Matthew 4:16 - *"...the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."*

5. How has Jesus brought light into your own life?

Matthew 1:21- *"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

6. Jesus' name means "The LORD is salvation". How has he saved you?

Isaiah 7:14 - *"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."*

7. What significance does the name "Immanuel" (God with us) hold for you?

John 1:14 - *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

8. How does the reality of the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us impact your understanding of God's grace and truth?

Isaiah 11:1 - *"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit."*

9. As a follower of Jesus, what kind of fruitfulness are you asking for in your own life?

Applying the Scriptures:

Based on these verses and promises, write about what you are confident and hopeful for in this season of your life.