

SCC Small Group Discussion

Mary's Song – Luke 1:45-56

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Getting Started:

When is the last time God did something unusual and unexpected in your life? Were you able to connect that event to God's faithfulness?

Searching the Scriptures: Luke 1:45-56

1. In this passage, what reasons did Mary give for her joy?
2. How did knowing the truth of God from the Old Testament enable Mary to respond to God not with fear or doubt but with willingness and praise?
3. How does reflecting on God's attributes affect the way you respond to him when unexpected things happen?

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

Luke 2:9-10 - *"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."*

4. How can you share the good news of Jesus' birth with others in a way that brings joy to them, especially during the Christmas season?

Psalm 16:11 - *"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."*

5. The joy we experience through Advent is that God loved us and came to be our Savior. How does this influence your actions and decisions?

John 15:11 - *"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."*

6. How would you define "complete joy", and how could it impact your interactions with others?

Psalm 28:7 - *"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him."*

7. How do you rely on the Lord as your strength and shield, and how does this trust lead to a joyful heart and a life of praise?

Romans 15:13 - *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

8. How has the God of hope filled you with joy and peace?

Psalm 100:1-2 - *"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."*

9. How do you incorporate worship and gladness into your daily routine, and how could an attitude of joy transform your perspective and relationships?

Applying the Scriptures:

Based on these verses and promises, write about how you have joy in this season of your life.

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