

Community Group Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: Mary's Song Passage: Luke 1:46-55 NIV

Intro -

- 1. What is your favourite Christmas carol? Why?
- 2. What is your least favourite Christmas carol? Why?

Sermon -

- 1. Why do you think Mary and Zechariah are compared in Luke 1? What is Luke trying to highlight in each of them through the comparison?
- 2. What would it have cost Mary to have welcomed the plan of God for her life described by the angel in Luke 1:35-37? What reasons would she have had to reject or despise God's plan for her life?
- 3. Describe a situation where your plan for your life went sideways and you were thrust into trusting God's plans instead. How did you feel about it? What questions did you ask about God in that situation? Looking back on that situation, do you have a different perspective now than you did at the time it was happening to you?
- 4. Why is it so hard to trust God's wisdom for our lives when it doesn't align with our wisdom for our own lives? How do we get better at trusting God in these hard moments?
- 5. Why is everything around the birth of Jesus so humble?
- 6. Why are we so often trying to point out our own strength and hide our weaknesses?
- 7. What kinds of practices can we put into place in order to embrace our humility?

Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13:14 NIV

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."