

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 7, 2024

Passage: Luke 1:46-56

Memory Passage: Luke 1:54-56

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 1:46–56.** This section is tightly connected with the last (vs. 38–45), but we will examine it on its own because of its theological depth. It is known as *Mary's Magnificat* (the Latin word for “magnify”).
- (b) Write down at least five Good Questions you have about these verses.
- (c) How many units of thought do you see? Identify shifts in thought, audience, speakers, who is spoken of or to, etc.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 1:46–56, 1 Sam 2:1–10, Ps 34, & Ps 35.** What similarities do you see between these OT passages and Mary's Magnificat? What do these similarities tell you about Mary's knowledge of Scripture?
- (b) Considering your knowledge of parallelism from our study of Isaiah, describe the relationship between lines 46b and 47a.
- (c) Explain each of Mary's four personal reasons for her outburst of worship (vs. 48–49).

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 1:46–56.** What group does Mary speak about in vs. 50–53, and how do you know?
- (b) What OT passages do you see Mary quoting or referencing in vs. 50–53 (you should recognize many from Isaiah but use your cross-references to identify others)?
- (c) Write down each “Divine Reversal” you find in 50–53 and give at least one modern-day example of each.

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 1:46–56.** Who does Mary speak about in vs. 54–55? Might these shifts help you identify structure ☺?
- (b) In what ways does Mary believe the child in her womb is the fulfillment of Yahweh's covenant promises to His people?
- (c) Whether Mary understands it or not, do verses 54–55 extend to more than the nation of Israel? Explain your answer.

- (d) Why do you think Mary returns home right before Elizabeth gives birth to her child? What is important about knowing she returned “to her home?”

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 1:46–56.** What does it look like for someone’s soul to magnify the Lord, for their spirit to rejoice in the Savior? Is this what your private worship looks like? If not, how can you bring your private praise in line with the joy, excitement, and word-centeredness that Mary exhibits?
- (b) Mary’s praise is in response to believing what God said to her. She knows Scripture, and it shows! Is your worship life, both private and public, filled with your knowledge of Scripture? When the Worship Preparation Guide hits your inbox this week, take a moment to see how everything scheduled is based upon and a response to God’s word.
- (c) How do these verses equip and encourage you to live joyfully and faithfully in the world today? Be specific as you think through all the realities of what God has and will do in the salvation of His people that vs. 46–55 reveal.
- (d) Write your own “Magnificat” by contemplating all the glorious blessings that have come to you in your salvation. Remember to let Scripture be the root of your praise! If you need help, read and meditate on a passage such as Ephesians 1:3–14 (after all, it is a list of spiritual blessings for which we as believers should “Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!).

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*Mary’s Magnificat: Mercy for Those Who Fear Him*