

Small Group Bible Study / Discussion

Sermon Series: Advent / Christmas 2008

Sermon Title: Humility, Wonder, and the Joy of the Lord

Passage: Luke 1:26-56

Think about it

- What helps build humility into a person?
- What does it take to develop a servant mind set?
- What kinds of things amaze you?

Examine it

- What did God do? (26-27)
- What does Luke tell us about Mary? (26-27)
- What did Gabriel say to Mary? (28)
- How did Mary respond to Gabriel? (29)
- What did Gabriel tell Mary would happen? (30-33)
- What was Mary's question? (34)
- What was Gabriel's answer and explanation? (35-37)
- How did Mary respond? (38)
- What did Mary do next? (39-40)
- What happened when Mary and Elizabeth met? (41-43)
- What did Elizabeth say to and about Mary? (42-45)
- What did Mary say about God and her relationship with Him? (46-49)
- What did Mary say God does (has done)? (50-54)

Discuss it

- What are some similarities and connections between Mary's and Elizabeth's situations?
- What does Mary's response to her circumstance tell you about her character?
- What does the statement, "For nothing is impossible with God" say to you?
- How was Mary blessed by God?
- How was Mary's circumstance difficult?
- How do the preceding two statements go together?

Live it out

- What do you know about God that you can offer Him praise for? (Who He is, or what He has done)
- How might you thank or praise God in the midst of a current difficult circumstance?

Pray about it

What does this study prompt you to pray about?

...something to praise God for? ...thank God for? ...confess? ...ask for?

Additional passage for meditation or memory: Psalm 8; James 4:4-10

Next week's passage: Colossians 1:9-14 (tentative)