

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of December 13-14, 2025

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

### The Song of Mary

(Luke 1:39-56)

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## Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Luke 1:39-56.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Mariana's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

When have you been able to find joy during difficult circumstances?

How difficult or easy was it for you to find joy during these experiences?

When have you felt an inability to find joy?

How easy or difficult is it for you to find joy in your current circumstances?

Pastor Mariana suggests that Mary was able to find joy during a challenging season, at least in part, because of the following.

Joy is an outcome of being seen. (vs. 42-44)

When has being seen by someone brought you joy amidst a challenge?

When have you been able to “see” someone else during a difficult circumstance?

If there is someone in your life today who needs to be seen, share how you can be an Elizabeth to them.

Joy takes root when we embrace truth. (vs. 48)

When have you been empowered by someone speaking truth over you?

When has your reluctance to except truth being spoken over you stymied your ability to experience joy?

Who might need to hear truth spoken over them by you today? And what could this look like to carry out?

Joy deepens when you say yes to God’s calling.

When have you felt overwhelmed by a task God seemed to be calling you into?

When are times you said “yes” to God and experienced unexpected fruit from agreeing to whatever He called you to?

How fully do you embrace the fact that you are a carrier of hope and are called to share this hope with others? How do you live this out?

Joy follows the humble. (vs. 48, 52)

If you ever find yourself wrestling with feelings of inadequacy, share a bit about these feelings and why you think they might exist.

What encouragement, if any, do you draw from God’s work through Elizabeth (someone too old to have a baby) and/or Mary (someone surely too young or too naïve for this calling)?

Read together vs. 52. What do you experience as you reflect on this verse?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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