

Foster City 12-16-18



Find that Place of Joy this Christmas - Dan Reid

Luke 1: 46-55

1. What are you most looking forward to leading into your Christmas 2018?
2. Discuss the “tension gap” between expectation and reality at Christmas time. What tends to steal your joy? Why do you think that happens?
3. Read Vv. 46-49. What does it mean to you that Jesus’ arrival was deeply personal to Mary? How is Jesus arrival deeply personal to us? How does that help us find that place of Joy this Christmas?
4. Read verses 50-53. What does it mean to you that Jesus’ arrival makes things right? How has Jesus made things right in your life? How can we find that place of Joy at Christmas when we know that all is not yet right in our world?
5. How does being the the hands and the feet of Jesus help show the culture that Jesus’ arrival makes things right? How might our community group help be the hands and feet of Jesus and bring joy to the world in our bay area neighborhoods?
6. Read verses 54-55. What does it mean to you that Jesus’ arrival means that God keeps his promises. How can that truth put you in a place of joy this Christmas? What promise of God do you most cling to this Christmas?
7. Mary has a great story and we have great stories too. What are the benefits of sharing your story from either a place of pain or a place of joy. What is the next step for you to share your story with others?

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Mary's Song - Dominic Rivera

Luke 1: 46-55

1. Mary's words are an expression of her soul/spirit - the honest words of her being. Describe a time/place when you were last able to be honest.
2. What obstacles hinder us from being honest?
3. What does Mary celebrate (v.49)?
4. Read verses 50-55. What attributes of God does Mary highlight?
5. What attributes of God are easy for you to trust? How has your understanding of God defined your daily life?
6. Mary recalls God's faithfulness in the past to give her hope for the future. Describe the practices/habits that you have established to remember what God has done in the past so that you can trust Him for the future?