

**GOD WITH US**  
**Week 2: Mary's Song**  
December 11–12, 2021  
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**WARM-UP**

Share about an incident that brought you so much happiness or joy that you couldn't wait to share it with someone else.

**DISCUSS**

- How often do you share the blessings and the joy of what God is doing in your life with others?
  - What obstacles keep you from sharing?
  - What do you think God would say about those obstacles.?
- What happens when you compare what God is doing in your life with what God is doing in someone else's life?
  - How can this destroy your joy?

**Read Luke 1:39–45**

- Why do you think Mary left *right away* to see Elizabeth after the angel visited her?
- Mary's joy was shared and also felt by Elizabeth. How does sharing our joys, our victories, our blessings with others also bring joy and blessing to them?
  - How did Elizabeth encourage Mary?

It's important to not just listen to others as they share what God is doing in their life but to encourage them and affirm God's work in their life.

- Why is this important?
- How has someone else shared in your joy?

**Read Luke 1:46–56**

List some of the specific things that Mary praised the Lord for her song.

- Notice the repeated theme of how God has reversed the roles of the powerful and the lowly. Describe how Jesus's power contrasts with what a worldly society might associate with power.
- Describe how her words were significant to Mary and her people at that time.

- The song ends with assurance that God is true to his promises. What promises was she referring to?
- What promises from Scripture apply to your current situation?
- Mary's hymn includes praising God for who he is and celebrating his character. How does understanding God's character help you to trust him?

**NEXT STEPS**

- Self-reflection: Where you are in relation to God's work in your life. Are you joyful? Are you excited to share it with someone else? Are you an encourager for someone?
- Which area might you need to ask God to work out in you first? Share with someone what your next step will be.
- This week, write out your own song of praise to God. Rejoice over God's blessings in your life. Praise him for what he has done and who he is.

**PRAYER**

Partner with 2–3 others in your group to share prayer needs with each other.

Notes for praying for others this week:

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