



The Spirit in Mary and Zechariah's Pronouncement

Luke 1:46-55

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1. When you hear the phrase “*God remembers*,” what emotions or thoughts come to mind?
2. Read Luke 1:46-55. What words or phrases stand out to you in Mary’s song? What do they reveal about how Mary understands God?
3. Read Luke 1:67-79. There were roughly 2000 years between God’s covenant to Abraham and the birth of Christ. How is God’s timing and the faithfulness of his people seen in this? How have you seen God’s timing and faithfulness in your own life?
4. Mary describes God as one who sees the *humble state* of His servant (v. 48). Where do you most need to believe that God sees you right now?
5. What is one area of your life where you struggle to believe that God is actively at work? What promise of God do you need to return to and trust again?
6. Read Luke 1:46-47 and Luke 1:68. What is the heart posture of both Mary and Zechariah? In what ways does this impact your response to God’s faithfulness in your life and to those around you? What needs to change in order for this response to become more common for you? What role does the Holy Spirit have in this?
7. Mary carried Jesus who is “Emmanuel—God with us.” And Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come after him and live *inside* every believer. What do both of these truths tell us about God’s desire to know and be known by humanity? How have you experienced “being known” by Him?

What Now:

Identify one promise of God you struggle to believe right now (e.g., God’s presence, provision, forgiveness, guidance).

- Write the promise on a card or in your phone. Read it daily and ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust it again. When doubt arises, speak the promise out loud instead of rehearsing the fear.

Jesus is Emmanuel—God with us—and the Holy Spirit lives within believers.

When you feel anxious, isolated, or unsure, pause and remind yourself: “*God is with me right now.*” If you feel comfortable, reach out to members of this group in these moments and ask them to pray for and with you.

Reminders:

- Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at Harpeth Christian Church will be at **4pm on Dec. 24!** Join us as we celebrate the hope of Jesus this Christmas season. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to this special service!
- Upcoming Women’s Events: **Women’s Worship Night** is on Friday, January 9 from 7-8pm. Join us for a night of worship and devotional time! Childcare will be available.
Women’s Wednesday begins January 28 and runs through March 25. Both the AM and PM session will be studying *Living Whole: A Study Through the Life of Joseph* by Julie Gariss. You can register and purchase the book through the link here and on the church website. Childcare will be available.

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