

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Portrait of Mary

Week of December 15, 2019

Week 3: Humility (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Text: Luke 1:46-55

Our world has a pecking order. The rich, famous, successful, beautiful and young are viewed as important (VIP's) and get special treatment. Unimportant people are mistreated or forgotten. God does not operate by this system. In fact, His pecking order is the reverse of the world's. The forgotten of this world need to know that God loves them and is committed to blessing their lives. This is good news for us all, because we all feel overlooked and insignificant at times.

Kicking it off: How are you celebrating Christmas this year?

Discussion:

1. Reread *Luke 1:46-49* Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me."

What can we learn about God from this passage?

2. Reread *Luke 1:50-51* His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud.

Why does God oppose the proud?

3. How would you advise someone wanting to grow in humility?

4. Reread *Luke 1:52* He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

In what ways does God "lift up" the humble?

5. Reread *Luke 1:53* He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

How does God make the rich empty?

6. How can an affluent person get "poor in spirit?"

7. What are some ways that you can honor and treasure someone overlooked by the world?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that you would increasingly see others through God's eyes.