

Sermon: Worshiping Your Way to Peace
Series: *Peace on Earth*

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56
Date: December 20, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) What are you worried about this Christmas season? What might Mary be worried about?

b) Mary chose to worship even in her worries and confusion. What might this kind of worship look like in your own life?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read through Mary's song again. Make a list of the character of God on display here. Why is God worthy of our worship even in the turmoil of life?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Mary's song describes the "Great Reversal" – the proud brought down and the humble exalted, the hungry filled and the rich made empty. How does this reflect the gospel of Jesus and work on the cross?

b) What future "Great Reversal" are you looking forward to when Jesus returns to rule and reign?

APPLICATION

a) Mary's actual situation didn't change just because she learned to worship. In what ways would her life still be difficult? In what ways would she have to trust God's timing? In what ways do you need to learn to trust God's timing as you worship?

FIGHTER VERSES: Isaiah 9:2-7.

PRAYER

Choose an aspect of God's character from Mary's song and praise God for it.

Confess ways that you have allowed control or worry to keep you from worshiping.

Ask God to teach you to worship even when you don't feel like it or even know how.