

Sermon: Rejoicing in God's Great Reversal.
Series: *The Weary World Rejoices.*

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56.
Date: December 18, 2022

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?

a) Can you relate to Mary in this story? Have you seen God use your lowliness to do something great?

b) Elizabeth was not jealous of Mary in any way. Do you tend to get jealous of others when God gives them a greater blessing? How can knowing it is all of grace allow you to fight jealousy?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Mary says that God is mighty, holy, and merciful. Why does our salvation require that God be all three of these?

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

a) Read verses 46-47. How does Mary's Magnificat demonstrate that our salvation is all of grace?

b) Are you, like Mary, in awe of your salvation? Why or why not? What might help increase your awe?

APPLICATION

a) Do you struggle to rejoice in God? What are some ways that God has shown his mercy to you recently? Start small if it helps.

b) What aspect of God's great reversal are you looking forward to when Christ returns?

FIGHTER VERSES: LUKE 1:46-49.

PRAYER

- Thank God for his might, his holiness, and his mercy.
- Confess ways that you have failed to rejoice in the merciful salvation of God (think about ways you have been jealous).
- Thank Jesus for being the great reversal that your life needed.
- Ask God to help you live in anticipation of the finality of his great reversal.