

Sermon: Rejoicing in God Our Savior.
Series: Songs of Advent.

Scripture: Luke 1:39-55.
Date: December 7, 2025

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) Despite being in an extremely difficult place, Mary chose to rejoice in God. What makes it difficult for you to choose joy right now? Why can God command us to choose joy even in difficult circumstances?
- b) Mary demonstrated faith and obedience BEFORE she felt the joy of the Lord. Can you relate to this? Where is God asking you to trust him before you experience joy? Where might duty have to precede delight?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Mary describes God as mighty, holy, and merciful (v.49-50). Which of these attributes of God are you in need of in the current season of life, or which one brings you joy in God?
- b) How would your perspective change if you believed that God is all of these things in their fullness?

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

- a) Re-read verses 51-55 again. Mary describes the “great reversal” in her *Magnificat*. Think about how Jesus experienced God’s great reversal personally and how he brings us into the great reversal when we are united to him.

APPLICATION

- a) What will choosing joy look like for you specifically in this season of your life? Consider the power of community here (Mary chose to be with Elizabeth rather than process things alone).
- b) “He who is mighty has done great things for me.” Take some time to rehearse some of the great things God has done for you this year.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his might, his holiness, and his mercy.
- Confess ways that you have failed to choose joy in your difficult circumstances.
- Thank Jesus for his great reversal of death to life.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you rejoice in God for all he has done for you.