

Next Steps: We have learned so much from the life of Mary and she how trusted God's call with humble faith. In Luke 1:39-56 we see her heart was stirred by God's favor as she responded in wonderful praise.

Read Luke 1:34-45. Why did Mary take the time to go and visit Elizabeth? What did Elizabeth say about God's plan for Mary?

Read Luke 1:46-55. How did Mary respond to God's favor (undeserved blessings)? What are some character traits of God that Mary included in her response?

Think about how God has blessed you in your life. Take some time to reflect on what you were doing and what you were like before the blessing... and write down some ways you have changed since the blessing. How were some promises from God fulfilled in this blessing?

Take some time to write down a prayer, a poem or a song of gratitude toward God. You might include: How this revealed the character traits of God; the promises of God that were fulfilled; how God's favor was shown to you; how your faith was encouraged.

How might this experience strengthen you for the future?

Next Week: Please join us for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Tuesday at 5:00 pm. This beautiful service helps us to pause from the hustle and bustle of the Season to re-center and reflect on the meaning of the Season as seen in Luke 2:1-20. On Sunday, December 29 we will take a deeper look at Mary's faithfulness to God's call on her life from Luke 2:21-40.