



Songs of Christmas wk1: Magnificat

Introduction: One of the most popular parts of Christmas in our culture is the music. It seems like everyone has a Christmas album. The coming of Christ inspired poetic and musical response from the beginning. What can we learn from the 4 Songs of Christmas that Luke shares with us?

Discussion Questions

1. How early and how often do you prefer to hear Christmas music? Do you have a favorite song or Christmas artist/album?
2. Read Luke 1:26-38 Do you think Mary understood what this message from the angel would mean for her? What do you think of her response? How have you (or would you) respond to a message from God that might seem to be difficult?
3. Read Luke 1:46-55 NLT How does Mary see herself in this story? What is God doing for her? How does she see herself in the larger story of what God is doing with His people?
4. When you think about this idea that God see's you, how does that make you feel? Is it reassuring or troubling?
5. Mary's song shows some similarities with Hannah's song from 1 Samuel and several of the Psalms. How does her engagement with scripture shape the way she sees God and herself? How can you be more immersed in scripture? What have you found helpful or not helpful?
6. How can this group encourage each other to experience the joy and wonderment of being a part of God's larger story this Christmas?

Shaping Your Mind – *Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." Luke 1:38*

Moving Forward – May this Christmas cause your soul to sing because you know that your Heavenly Father sees you.