

Every Good Gift – Help

Accompanies the 12/5/21 Sermon

The Gift of Help

Where do we look when we need some help? For centuries that Jewish people had warriors, kings, and prophets that promised to help the people. Their efforts while sometimes successful would eventually fall short. What they had to offer was not enough. In today's verse Mary sings a song of worship because help had come to this world. Mary had the unique honor of carrying him in her womb. Today spend some time talking about this passage and the help that Christ brought us.

GETTING STARTED

Use the following question to break the ice and begin your group discussion together:

- What are some of your favorite Advent/Christmas Traditions?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.

 Have someone in your group **Luke 1:46-55**

- What about this verse stood out to you?
- How would you describe Mary's Song?
- Mary was a young unwed woman. How would we expect her to respond in this circumstance? How did she respond and what does that say about her?
- The miraculous conception of Jesus sparked Joy in Mary. It was the fulfillment of Gods promises to Abraham and David long ago. What are some key attributes Mary ascribes to God as she recognizes this?

GETTING PRACTICAL

1. What stood out to you about this week's message on this topic?
 - a. Why did you find that so impactful?
2. How has God brought you Help in this past year?
3. It's easy to have Help when times are good but much more difficult when things are challenging. Mary was in a time of real distress and danger, yet she rejoiced. Why was she able to respond in such a way? How can we respond as she did when things in our life are challenging?
4. What are some areas that you are looking for God to be your help in this season of life?