Advent Conspiracy Worship Fully

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." 46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; 52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." 56 And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home. - Luke 1:39-56 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What is something you are looking forward to in regard to preparing for the Holiday season?
- What is something you are dreading in preparing for the Holiday season?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Luke 1:39-45. Where is Mary and what is she doing, and why is she there?
- Read Luke 1:46-55. What do Mary and Elizabeth do with the news that they have received?
- Read Psalm 150. How is this Psalm similar to Mary's song?
- How is Praising God a part of preparing?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Do what we worship forms our hearts? What are we tempted to worship leading up to Christmas instead of God?
- Why should we prepare our Hearts for the Lord? How can we do that?
- What does it mean to you to worship fully?
- Is corporate worship and personal worship different or the same, why are both important?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

• What resources can you use to worship more fully this Advent season, check out <u>adventconspiracy.org</u> for some ideas.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

• For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

- 1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
- 2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
- 3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection)
- 4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
- 5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
- 6. Pray for one another.

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