



**FROM THE BIBLE**

Luke 1:46-55 (NLT)

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

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## MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

All I Want For Christmas | ...*is more than this*

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1. Joel started out this message by talking about his sons 6 page Christmas list that had 69 different items on it (including a baby chicken from Tractor Supply). What are 2 gifts that you would like this Christmas...one big gift and one small gift?
2. The Mariah Carey song *All I Want For Christmas* set up this series. What are some things that you love and some things that you don't love about the Christmas season?
3. Mariah Carey's song may be the Christmas song we hear the most every Christmas, but the very 1st Christmas song was Mary's song. She sang it a few days after her life plans did a 180° turn. Read Luke 1:46-47 and discuss why this is an inspiring response given her circumstances? What can we learn from Mary's response?
4. When Mary found out she was pregnant and her upcoming wedding could be in jeopardy, she choose to praise God instead of complain. Do you find yourself complaining about something in particular? How can you flip that complaint and start praising God for it instead?
5. Discuss this line from the message, *complaining is natural, praising is supernatural*.
6. Read Luke 1:48. Mary says that *all generations will call me blessed*, why is that (hint, the answer is in the sentence before) & what could that imply for you?
7. Read Luke 1:49-53. Can you pick out at least 5 reasons Mary gives that gives her confidence in God even though she may not have confidence in her circumstances when she wrote this song? How can those reasons give you confidence in God?
8. Read Luke 1:55. *This promise* refers to the arrival of Jesus. You can read one of those promises in Isaiah 9:6. How can God coming through on his promises give us hope in our lives? Can you recall any promises God made in the Bible?
9. What's your 1 takeaway from this message and/or discussion?