

Date: December 11

Series: Coming Home for Christmas

Text: Luke 1:46-55

Title: The Hill Country

Luke's is the singing gospel. Four times in his gospel people erupt in spontaneous song in response to hearing about or meeting Jesus. In this passage Mary sings what has become known as "The Magnificat". It has been said that this passage is "The most revolutionary document in the whole world". Come along to the hill country with us as we learn that "Joy is found at the intersection of gratefulness and humble surrender".

Small Group Questions:

1. We will start where Jake started. He asked what makes you celebrate wildly and uninhibited? When did you last celebrate this way and why?
2. He said that once we know what makes us celebrate we have a better idea of what has our hearts. Does your most recent celebration say anything about your heart or what holds your heart?
3. Read Luke 1:46-55 together
4. What sticks out most vividly to you about the passage you just read together?
5. Jake said "Mary shows us that there is Joy at the intersection of gratefulness and humble surrender". Have you experienced this in your own life? How have you seen joy come from gratefulness and/or surrender to God?
6. E Stanley Jones said: "The magnificat is the most revolutionary document in the whole world". Agree or disagree, why do you think he said that? What makes it so revolutionary?
7. Note: Have someone show the painting "Mary Consoles Eve" by Sister Grace Remington
8. What does this picture make you think and/or feel?