

Joy in God's Blessing

Ice Breaker - What song makes you happy and why?

"Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished! (Luke 1:45)"

The Blessing of God for the humble and fearful individual – *"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. (Luke 1:46-50)*

Name one or more blessings that God has given to you personally.

- 1) **God is mighty to save** - *my spirit rejoices in God my Savior (vs 46)*
- 2) **God is Mighty to allow you to participate personally in His plan** - *generations will call me blessed, the Mighty One has done great things for me. (vs 48, 49)*

Describe a time when you participated in God's plan. Examples may include a conversation, an action, service, a mission experience etc.

One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor. (Proverbs 29:23 ESV)

- 3) **God's Mercy is passed down to your children's children** - *...from generation to generation (vs. 50)*

How are you investing in someone's life to pass on your faith to future generations? Who has invested in your life to strengthen your faith?

The blessing of God for the humble and fearful community – *He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers." (Luke 1:51-55)*

How have you seen God bless the community of The Vail Church?

- 1) **God is mighty to scatter proud thinkers** – *he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts (vs. 51)*
- 2) **God is mighty to serve society politically and socially** - *He has brought down rulers...He has filled the hungry... (vss. 52-53)*

The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he guides it wherever he pleases.
(Proverbs 21:1 NLT)

- 3) **God is mighty to remember His covenant people** - *remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever... (54-55)*

Out of the three points above, which one is most meaningful to you?

