

Connect Group Guide: "His First Visit" | Luke 1

Passage: Luke 1:39-45

Sermon Link: <https://youtu.be/GfTmy6dBtiM?si=7JAI0r8AQRG75jG>

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What is your earliest memory?
- How has a child/young person impacted your faith for the better?

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

-  Michael W. Smith & African Children's Choir "When I Think Of You" [A N...]

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- What do you know about the relationship between John and Jesus?
- What do you know about the relationship between Mary (mother of Jesus), and Elizabeth (mother of John)?

Read: Luke 1:39-45

- John ministered to his mum as an unborn child when Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. How does this challenge our view of how the Holy Spirit moves?
- A foetus of 6 months had the capacity to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Thought?
- How many people do you think Mary thought would believe her? Why do you think she went to Elizabeth?

- God cared about Mary throughout his whole redemption plan for humans.
How does this encourage you that God cares about the small things amidst the big things?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- Mary **believed** that the Lord would fulfil His promise to her. How does this encourage you?
- Mary **trusted** God with her life, that He would protect and keep her amidst the danger of losing her life. How is God calling you to deeper trust?
- Mary **surrendered** when she said “may it be unto me according to your will”. How might God be asking you to surrender?
- Mary **acted**, she hurried to Elizabeth. Where is God calling you to action in the current season of life?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Somebody knows what you are going through. God gave Elizabeth to Mary amidst His plan of salvation. Pray for someone who you might be called to support. Pray for the person who is supporting you.

