

This Week's Sermon The Small and The Great Luke 1:39–56

- 1. God is great: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
- 2. God sees the lowly of heart: "He has looked on the humble estate of his servant."
- 3. God brings down the proud: "He has brought down the mighty from their thrones."
- 4. God promises to save: "He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

Personal Reflections Questions:

1. Describe God's traits and attributes in your own words. What sources or influences can you identify that have helped to shape your description?

2. Attempt to describe God's magnitude. How do we magnify God in our minds and the world around us?

3. Read Psalm 8:4-5. In Luke 1:48, Mary identifies herself as a slave to the Lord. Identify the characteristics of a slave. Have you ever considered yourself to be a slave? Why or why not?

4. How does identifying as a slave to the Lord affect your life? What you own, how you think, how you talk, etc.

5. Why is pride so dangerous and how does it work against the slave mentality we see demonstrated by Mary?

He Has A Plan

From the beginning of time, God had a plan for the redemption of mankind.

Session 3

Session 2 Review:

- What is the main point of the first circle?
- Who are the three people in the second circle?
- What covenant is made in Genesis 12:1-3 and who is it with?
- How many years did Abraham have to wait for the promise to be fulfilled?
- What belongs in the third spot on the graphic?
- The 12 sons of Jacob eventually became the 12 ______.

Questions for this week:

- 1. Exodus 1:7 describes Israel's multiplication. What are the five words?
- 2. How does this multiplication fit into the larger narrative? (Read Genesis 1:28, Genesis 9:1, Genesis 26:24)
- 3. What does the fourth block represent?
- 4. How does oppression seem to affect Israel? (Read Exodus 1:11-12)
- 5. Read Exodus 1:22-2:2. Is there ever a time when a Christian is to oppose the law or go so far as disobey the law of the governing officials?
- 6. Read Acts 5:29 & Romans 13:1. What does "be subject" mean?
- 7. Overall, summarize the story you have learned so far. What has stood out to you?

