

Discussion Guide

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Message: *Mary, From Confusion to Confidence* (series: *Wish List*)

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PRIMARY PASSAGE (Luke 1:46-55, ESV)

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.'

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Mary was Humble
- Mary was Worshipful
- Mary was Scriptural
- Mary was Needful

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a confusing circumstance in your own life. This can be current or from the past.

Based on Joe's thoughts about Mary, what helped or might help you to move from confusion to confidence?

2. Using any Bible tools you might have available, see if you can attach any of Mary's words to a segment of Scripture from the Old Testament that she was likely thinking about. Start with 1 Samuel 1:1, 2 and the prayer of Hannah.

3. Joe talked about the sovereignty and providence of God. Explain what you know about those areas of Biblical teaching.

God, help me to trust You with the circumstances of my life, even if You never tell me why. Help me to move from "Is it worth it?" to "He is worthy." Amen