

CHRISTMAS AT THE HILLS: MARY'S CHRISTMAS SONG

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY:

This Christmas season at The Hills, we're studying "Christmas songs" in Scripture that were sung at Jesus' birth. This week, in the gospel of Luke chapter 1, we're going to look at Mary's Christmas song. When the Angel Gabriel gave Mary the shocking news that she would (being a virgin) have a baby, she responded with fear—yet also with humility and obedience.

Key Passages: Luke 1:35-37

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

In Mary's response to the angel's message regarding Christ's incarnation, she shows her deep trust in God. Mary believed that nothing under God's control could ever be out of control. Talk about a time you had to trust God with something that seemed impossible.

In Mary's Christmas song, she makes multiple references to Old Testament scriptures. How can God's promises in the Bible (an ancient manuscript) have a relevant effect on our lives today?

Mary's story and her Christmas song shows us that God often exalts those who are not great by the world's standards—but rather those who hunger for Him and realize how much they need God in their lives. Where do you stand when it comes to humility? What are ways you can grow in this area?

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

Is there a specific passage that you run to or think of when reflecting on the promises of God?

Why do you think humility is something that humanity struggles with? What can you do differently this week to live humbly before God?

Pastor Brett said, "Nothing under God's control could ever be out of control." What does this mean to you?



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