



Elizabeth: A Song of Joy

Luke 1:39-45, 57-66

DRC ADVENT 2019 / Pastor Matt Jones

I. The Gift of Song (Lk.1, cf. Col. 3:16)

II. The Greeting of Sisters (Lk. 1:39-44)

III. The Grace of Salvation (Lk. 1:45)

IV. The Gateway of the Servant (Lk. 1:57-66)

V. The Glory of the Son (Jn.1:14)

VI. The Giving Season (Lk 22:19)

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COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

1. With Christmas/Advent upon us, what sort of holiday season stresses do you anticipate facing (or perhaps already are)? Share.
2. In our 2019 Christmas/Advent sermon series, we are studying the early songs or praises in the Bible around the birth of the Christ child. In thinking about singing praises/hymns and also the gift of song (point #1 on the outline) to our lives and its role in worship, take some time to discuss how you incorporate singing to God in your life and weekly schedule. After sharing, discuss ways you can grow in using the gift of song more regularly in your devotions and spiritual disciplines.
3. With the topic of singing before us, what are some of your favorite Christmas Hymns? Discuss. Also, share about what Christmas traditions looked like in your home growing up and how they impacted you. If you are married, share about how you navigated different Christmas traditions in your marriage and family.
4. In our study of God's word on Sunday, we moved into the Gospel of Luke, specifically verses 39-45, 57-66 of the first chapter. In this section of Scripture, we meet two women: Elizabeth and Mary. The former is old and barren, while the latter is young and fertile. Both of them will have sons. One will announce the Messiah's coming and the other will be the Messiah and more—God the Son in the flesh. Discuss how this narrative and these figures in Luke 1 sets the stage for Jesus' ministry and the ultimate work of the cross where our sinless Savior atoned the sins of His people. Rehearse the gospel together and share of its power at work in your life as a child and worshipper of the triune God.
5. In Luke 1:58, we see how Elizabeth was a witness to those around her. Discuss the ways in which you are seeking to be a witness to those around you this Advent season. Take some time to pray by name for those who are lost and in need of the gospel.