



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of April 24 & 25, 2021

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Luke 1:46-56

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; 52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." 56 And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiKaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

The "Magnificat", Mary's spontaneous song of praise to Lord, is filled with Scriptural references indicating Mary's mind was saturated with the Word of God. In her song, Mary's humility is evident as she magnifies God and acknowledges her humble estate. She proclaims the power of God and the mercy He shows to those who fear Him and she contrasts this with the end states of those who are proud of heart. Mary culminates her song by praising God's faithfulness to Israel because through her Son, the promise of the long awaited Messiah would be fulfilled.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the benefit of praising and praying Scriptural promise and verses back to God? Is your life characterized by being saturated with the Word of God? Explain.
2. In the sermon we heard that one true test of godly humility is how well a person obeys the Word of the Lord. How might this be true? Is your life characterized by godly humility? Explain.
3. Explain how the deification and worship of Mary is not supported by her song of praise.
4. How do you view God, or more specifically, do you view God the way Mary did? How does your view of God show up in the way you live?
5. How does trusting in God's promises impact your life?