

Deeper Life Notes

“Keeping Christ in Christmas”

Last week we saw how Mary slowed down for reflection, prioritized family, and shared with others. We were challenged to do the same. This week we discover...

Christ-centered singing and listening centers us in a crazy busy world!

Luke 1:46-55

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.

Sing/listen about what God has done for you . 46-49

- **How he saves us: vs. 46-47**

1 Peter 2:9-10; Psalm 9:14; 40:10; 2 Samuel 22:3; 1 Chronicles 16:23

Applying the Word

Has God put a song on your heart? Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

Reflect on your salvation history?

- Admitted you are a sinner in need of a Savior and repented of your sins (Romans 3:23).
- Believed (put your faith in, Jesus Christ as your Savior (Acts 16:31; John 1:12)
- Committed your life to Jesus as Lord (1 Peter 3:15).

What specifically has God done for you this last week?

Are there any songs that express your joy or thanks to God?

How have you celebrated his goodness to you?

- **How he chooses us: v. 48**

Deuteronomy 7:6 1 Corinthians 1:26-ff

Applying the Word

- How has God been mindful of you? Invited you to join His work?
- How has God initiated his love toward you? (John 15:16, 19)
- How **NOW** are you going to live in light of being chosen (Ephesians 1:4, 11; Colossians 3:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:13)

How God's might is at work for us: v. 49

Exodus 15:2

Applying the Word

What mighty things has God done for you. List some glimpses of glory/ God watches. Identify and sing/listen to songs that can keep our focus on Christ this CHRISTmas!

Luke 1:50-53

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.

Mary, She celebrates the mercy of God in song and encourages us to sing/ listen to songs that glorify the character and capabilities of God.

Sing/listen to songs about His mercy: vs. 51-53

- Mercy to the helpless: "Those who fear Him" v. 51
Psalm 33:18; 34:7 34:9; 85:9; 103:11; 103:13

Do we' fear the Lord'? A constant awareness of His presence (grace) that leads to imperfect progress.

- Mercy to the humble: "Lifted up the humble" v. 52
Matthew 5:3; 2 Samuel 22:28; 1 Samuel 2:7 James 4:6, 10

