

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## Luke 1:39-56

**Ice Breaker:** What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

**Ice Breaker:** What is something that brings you joy? When's the last time you had a chance to experience that?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 1:39-56:** What stands out to you in this text? What is something that you have not seen before?
2. What do we see Mary do in the first few verses? What example does Mary set for us?
3. What are the different parts of Elizabeth's proclamation? Which parts impact you the most?
4. What does Verse 45 say about Mary? Why is it so striking that Mary "believed" the Lord's word? What obstacles (doubts) could have gotten in Mary's way and kept her from believing the word of the Lord ?
5. What things get in your way and keep you from believing God's word (e.i. social pressure, fear, embarrassment, lack of trust, etc.)? Why do these things have such a hold on us at times and keep us from trust God?
6. Are you holding back right now from obeying the word of the Lord? What is keeping you back? How might you take the first step toward trusting and believing God in that specific area?
7. Mary is an example of faith and belief. Who in your life do you look up to as an example of godly faith and belief? What makes them a good example? Do you see any of their godly qualities in your own life? How might you grow those qualities?
8. Mary's song declares the wonders of the mercy of God. Which lines are the most encouraging? Any of them confusing/unclear? How does Mary weave together a "future yet past" song? What does this tell us about what Mary believes?
9. Where do you see yourself in Mary's song? How does the Lord care for us, as declared by Mary? Where do you see the gospel story in Mary's song?
10. How should we respond to Mary's song? If you are artistic, what might the Lord have you create to display the glory and mercy of God? For all of us, how might you use your gifts to tell the great story of God's mercy?