

Week beginning December 14th 2020



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Luke 1 :46-56

Welcome

What is your favourite Christmas song (not carol) and why?
And which song do you really dislike?!



15 mins

Worship

Spend 5 minutes brainstorming songs from the Bible (but not Mary's song above) and then use them in a time of opening worship.



15 mins

Word

Read Luke 1:46-56

1. In Mark's sermon (13/12/2020) he said that Mary's song (the Magnificat) has been viewed by certain people at certain times as dangerous. Why do you think that is?
2. Read vs 46-49. What is the basis for Mary's outpouring of praise in these vs? What can we learn from this?
3. Read vs 52-53. Mary's song reflects God's compassion and heart for the poor. A characteristic evident in the life and teaching of Jesus (see 4: 18-21 6:20-26 12:13-21 14:12-14). As you read Mary's words and these other passages what strikes you? Is there a challenge?
4. Vs 53-55 What Old Testament promise is God fulfilling here?
5. Israel is often called God's servant (Is 41:8-9 45:4 49:5-6). Why is that?
6. 1 Peter 1:9 In the light of Q5 what does this verse tell us about our own call as God's people?



50 mins

Witness

How might you share the joyful good news of which Mary sings with others this Christmas?



Inspired by Mary's example why not write your own song of praise—praising God for what he's done for you (vs 46-49), what he's done for others (vs 50-53), and how in Jesus God keeps and fulfils his promises. (vs 54-55).

10 mins