

The First Ever Christmas Carol
Luke 1:46-56

Pastor Wes – September 13, 2026

Theme: God's confirmation produces faith's edification

To begin, ask someone to read the passage.

- 1) A radical, unexpected, and potentially difficult change in Mary's life was placed there by God. Discuss with your group the various challenges this may have caused for her.

- 2)
 - a. What do verses 46-49 reveal about the condition of Mary's soul?

 - b. What spiritual qualities can enable us to respond properly when the Lord brings or allows unexpected or challenging situations to impact our lives?

- 3) Read verse 47. Describe the joy you have experienced from knowing that Jesus is your Savior, and that He will minister to others through you?

- 4)
 - a. From verses 50-53, describe the contrasts given between the humble and the proud.

 - b. If you sense the need for more humility in your life, how might you begin to pursue that goal?
(see Zephaniah 2:3, Isaiah 66:2, Ezra 8:21, 23, and Philippians 2:3.)

- 5) In verses 54 and 55, Mary believes that God was fulfilling His promises to Israel. Why does knowing that God is faithful to His promises to Israel matter for believers today?