

REAP Guide

Guides exist to help followers of Jesus understand and live out Scripture together.

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READ - *Make observations about the text as you read.*

Read Luke 1:46-55, considering what the Holy Spirit intends to communicate to us.

EXAMINE - *Determine what the texts means.*

- What might it mean that Mary's soul "magnifies the Lord" (v.46)?
- Compare and contrast the proud/mighty/rich with the humble/hungry. Why does Mary describe God as exalting the humble, but bringing down the mighty?
- V.50 emphasizes that God's people should fear him. How would you explain this fear to a new Christian or non-Christian?
- What are the key characteristics/attributes of God that Mary highlights?
- How does Mary's song relate to the passage's context (Jesus' birth narrative)?

APPLY - *Discern how you might apply the text individually and communally.*

- How might you magnify the Lord this week?
- Do you fear the Lord? Why or why not? How do you know?
- What in your life could you praise God for right now? How can you build in a habit of praise into your lifestyle?
- How does the kingdom of God's definition of the good life/success/importance compare with our culture's?
- V.54-55 highlight God as a promise-keeper. What promises of God are you holding onto right now?

PRAY - *Talk with God in response to this text.*

- Share prayer requests with your group and pray for one another.
- Praise God, confess sin, and make requests in light of the text.