

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **December 15, 2013 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), “God’s Christmas Preparations, Part 3.” Please read the sermon passage (Luke 1:39-56) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (Luke 1:39-56)

Sermon Outline:

God’s grace is visible

1. In your life, because he has done mighty deeds for you (vv 46-49)
2. In the world, because he has shown incredible mercy (vv 50-53)
3. In and through Israel, because Jesus is the fulfillment of his promise (vv 54-55)

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Mary is magnifying God because he has done great things for her. Name several great things that God has done for you.
2. Magnifying can be “telescopic” (making distance things appear closer) and “microscopic” (making small things appear larger). In what ways would you say that God is using you to magnify him in the world?
3. We know that God invests our pain and trials for our good. How has God used past hurts or disappointments in your life? How has he “invested” your past in your future? If you don’t sense that he has yet invested your past—how could he invest your past? How might he invest past hurts and trials for your good and his good and the good of those around you?
4. God’s grace can be seen around the world. How can you use your knowledge of history and your knowledge of current events to begin conversations about God’s mighty deeds? Note that these deeds make God evident to those who fear him (1:50), but the same God “scatters” those who are proud (1:51).
5. God’s grace is evident to Israel in Jesus. He has helped them by remembering to be merciful to them. Do you know any Jews? Have you ever discussed Messiah with them? Would you be willing to pray about asking God to provide Jewish acquaintances with whom to discuss Messiah?