

### **Practicing It Together:**

4. Mary's response to the message of the angel is a song of praise, worship, and adoration (v. 46-55). How does such a response demonstrate her faith in the Savior?

How should our own responses to the Savior mirror the example she set before us?

5. Much of Mary's response has to do with God's faithfulness to His people throughout history. In what ways can sharing what God has done in our lives in the past encourage our faith for the future?

What hindrances might we encounter to building such faith, and how do we overcome them together?

### **Digging Deeper (for further study):**

6. Looking back throughout the Old Testament, how do you see evidences of God's salvation being worked out among His people?

How do those evidences point specifically to the saving work of Jesus Christ?

## **Faith in a Savior**

**Luke 1:46-55**

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1. Faith needs to be focused on the right object  
(v. 46-46, cf. v. 31-33, 35-37)

◇ Mary's faith throughout the larger story...

◇ Mary learns of the Savior...

◇ Mary's response demonstrates her faith...

2. Faith helps us respond individually with our lives (v. 48-49)

◇ Humility is the first ingredient...

◇ God-glorifying wonder and awe are added...

3. Faith helps us take the long view (v. 50-55)

◇ Take time to remember...

◇ Prepare for the future...

### **Message-Based Discussion Questions**

1. As you reflect on the message, what was one observation, application, or insight that stood out to you?

2. Read the entire account on which the message focused (Luke 1:26-55). Describe the various elements of Mary's character that emerge in the account.

How does Mary's faith show itself throughout the narrative?

3. What characteristics of the Lord Jesus Christ, the object of our faith, stand out to you in this passage?

We are frequently tempted to place our faith in lesser objects in our daily lives. How do these objects fall short in light of the character of the true Savior?

How can we then ensure that we are placing our faith and worship in the right object on a regular basis?