

Small Group Study Guide, Week of December 15, 2024

Luke 1:39-56

Ice Breaker: Who do you call first when you have special news to share?

Dig:

1. After Gabriel visited Mary in Luke 1:26-38, why do you think Mary hurried off to see her relative, Elizabeth? How long was her journey?
2. Describe Elizabeth's reception of Mary. How does Elizabeth know Mary's "secret"? How does Mary respond?
3. As you study Mary's song in vv46-55, does it come across as a quiet lullaby, a thunderous praise song or something else? What does she praise God for? What contrasts does she draw? How do these reflect her feelings about God? About herself?

Apply:

4. What encouragement do you gain from Elizabeth and Mary's attitudes in this passage?
5. Take some time to reflect and write your own song of praise during this Advent season.

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)