

11-27-22 Facilitator – Songs of the Humble Kingdom, Luke 1:46-55, Tim Rice

1. **Launchers:** What's the most striking reversal you've ever seen? Favorite song of reversal?
2. **Worship God as you read and respond in prayer and praise to Romans 5:1-5.**
3. **Sermon Reflection: Songs of the Humble Kingdom, 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Luke 1:46-55**

AN IMPORTANT START

- What do these songs reveal about the LORD?
- Despite his humble start, *what if Jesus truly was a clandestine king and this was His undercover infiltration of enemy occupied territory?* (the King of Holland)
- So, if this is His *starting place*, from what position of power and glory has Jesus come? *And by comparison, what position did He take up*

THE GREAT REVERSAL

- How secure or enduring do you believe your circumstances are?
- How have you been proud, or presumptuous?
- When have you seen your position reversed?

WHEN REVERSAL IS GOOD NEWS

- What is the key to a reversal so that you see it with hope?
- What task can you think of that you knew, *"I'm going to get dirty"*?
 - In His purpose to save us, vs. evil, it would cost Him terribly.
- When do you crave reversal??
 - When you're at your worst! So, if Jesus is exalted, I cannot lose, but unless Jesus is exalted, I cannot win.

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...**

1. Worship the LORD for His love and power to heal all things that are wrong and eternally establish all that is good. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for His goodness to raise up all of His people, no matter how much they suffer.
2. How have you lived as if your earthly blessings or hardships will never end? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to open your eyes to how He is at work to change what you cannot.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for all that He has done to ensure that His people are redeemed vs. all the forces of evil. Thank Him for leaving the place of highest privilege to save us, and then being raised back, *taking us with Him*.
4. Who do you know that is arrogantly oppressive? Or that has suffered from abuse? Pray for them, asking the Lord to reverse their position by His Grace — so that they're redeemed eternally
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear His fruit of love, joy, and patience in your heart, especially where you have suffered. Pray for His perspective and hope so that you can *faithfully endure for a of season* hardships that bear eternal fruit.

5. **Mission: Christians are folks on mission to magnify the Lord.**

Launchers: Conversation starter questions to invite our neighbors into soul reflections.

- What does your soul magnify?
- What are your soul's magnifying practices, habits or disciplines?
- How does your soul "magnify" the Lord?
- What are your Lord magnifying practices?
- Who do you know that has a soul that magnifies people, power, possessions, and purpose over our Lord?
- How has God reversed your magnifying from yourself to The Lord?