

1. Welcome (an ice-breaker discussion to get everyone comfortable with sharing):

Name that tune: What is your favourite Christmas song/carol and why? Maybe even sing a line or two together...

2. Worship (to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion):

Read 2 Corinthians 1:20 together: ²⁰"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God."

Sing "Yes and Amen" and reflect on God's faithfulness to you. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqlQlJWIT50</u>

Dozens of other worship songs are also available at www.westhighland.org/smallgroupsongs.

3. Word (to consider how the sermon applies to our lives, and to live out the **"one anothers"):**

Read together: Luke 1:39-56

Sermon Summary

In this sermon, we looked at Mary's song in Luke 1:46-55, which highlights God's mercy, strength, and faithfulness. Mary's praise reminds us that God shows mercy to those who respect Him and that His love extends from generation to generation. The birth of Jesus is an example of God's strength, showing that His ways are different from the world's and that true salvation comes through what seems weak. Mary's song also teaches us that God cares for the humble and lifts them up.

Sermon Questions

- 1. What stood out for you in this sermon on Mary's Song?
- 2. How does Mary's example encourage you to find joy in God even when your circumstances are difficult?
- 3. Mary's song shows that God values humility and looks with favor on the lowly. How can you embody this humility in your daily life and interactions with others?
- 4. How does the story of Jesus' humble birth challenge the world's view of strength and power?
- 5. In what ways can we share the hope of God's mercy and faithfulness with others during this Advent season?

4. Witness (joining Jesus in his mission):

Consider a mission project that you can do as a Community Group to serve others this Christmas season. Some of you have packed boxes for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project. Others contributed to and helped distribute donations through our WH Street Reach ministry. Some of the men from 2 groups helped set up the lighting décor at WH. Thank you! We have other partner ideas listed on our website: <u>West Highland: Hamilton, ON > Serving the Community</u> (Note: The links to each of these ministries is imbedded in their title header) And your group members may have other ideas to share too.