

Advent: Adore – Mary
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Luke 1:39-56
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Discussion and Reflection Guide

When the Spirit hovers over Mary, we see the work of God

It demonstrates the impossible power of God at work.

*How do you respond to the improbable or bizarre elements of the story of Jesus' coming – or even the work of God in general?

*Where in your life have you experienced the improbable?

We understand Mary's heart response through her song, The Magnificat

Read and discuss Luke 1:46-55(NIV)

46 And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel,

remembering to be merciful

55 to Abraham and his descendants forever,

just as he promised our ancestors."

*How does Mary demonstrate worship in this passage?

*What can you learn or understand about worship in these words?

God working in and through you is worship

We are conduits of the Holy Spirit.

*When was a time that you felt God working in and through you?

*What might it look like to be a conduit this week, worshipping God with your life? Is there a situation or person that comes to mind?

*How is the Spirit asking you to make space for God in your life this season?