

Series — Christmas Playlist

Message #1: Mary's Song

Text: Luke 1:46-55



NOTES

Community Group Questions

1. When do you start listening to Christmas music? What is your favorite Christmas song to sing or listen to? Why?
2. Read Luke 1:46-55
 - What did you think when you heard that Mary's Magnificat had been banned several times within the last 100 years? What makes it so radical and revolutionary?
 - How does her song challenge our current political environment in America in regards to the marginalized?
3. It's popular to play the victim card in our society even among those in the church. How do we move past seeing ourselves as the marginalized and really see those who have been truly marginalized in our world?
4. We tend to be more compassionate, patient, and merciful during this time of year. Would you say that this is how you live the rest of year? What changes do you need to make in your day to day living to exemplify this way of living?
5. What keeps us from seeing the truly marginalized in our world?
 - What blinders do we need to remove?
 - What cost are we willing to pay to truly live out the call of Christ to free the oppressed and to lift up the marginalized?
6. How do we respond to God's invitation to be both "a recipient of and a participant in God's mercy? What does that look like right now in a tangible way in your daily life?

Next Steps

- Where do you need God's mercy at work in your own life?
- Who are the marginalized around you?
- How can you participate in interpreting God's mercy to them?
- In what ways can you partner with our community of faith to multiply our ability to show mercy to our city and our world?