

# WORSHIP

## Waiting for Christmas

A Joyful Dependence: Luke 1:39-56  
Pastor Steve Bailey | December 15, 2019

# SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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How about you and \_\_\_\_\_?

What does Biblical waiting \_\_\_\_\_?

Two statements that give us a picture of Mary's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

V. 38 "I am the Lord's servant," said Mary. "May it be done to me according to your word."  
V. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill what he has spoken to her!"

Mary could have easily given into... \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

But that WASN'T her response. Instead we see:

A joyful dependence that \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

A joyful dependence that magnifies God's... \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**A joyful dependence magnifies the entire life of the disciple.**

*2 Corinthians 8:1-5*

**NEXT WEEK:** A profound perspective Luke 1:57-80

### GET PLUGGED IN >>>



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### 1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

### 2. VISION/PURPOSE

What if someone visited your small group, and afterwards commented that God's greatness and character were two elements that stood out to them the most?

### 3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

### 4. OPENING PRAYER

### 5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

### 6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

### 7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

## QUESTIONS

**WARM UP:** When have you had something unexpected alter your life, how did you respond?

**HEAD:** These questions help us examine the Word.

1. Read Luke 1:39-45. What do you notice about Elizabeth and her view of what is happening to Mary? What does her reaction communicate to you?
2. Read Luke 1:46-56 How would you describe Mary's prayer? Can you give it a title or a focus?

**HEART:** These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

3. We see a joyful dependence and an incredible trust/willingness in Mary, how is that developed in the life of a disciple?
4. What keeps you from living with a joyful dependence?

**HAND:** These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.

5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. The Corinthians very difficult circumstances didn't stop them from being joyful or amazingly generous. Paul says that that gave themselves FIRST to the Lord. What does giving yourself "first to the Lord" look like?