

CP— 12/8/24

Luke 1:46-56—“Mary’s Magnificat”

Sermon Outline:

1. Focused on God

- The One who looks upon the lowly is mighty, holy, and merciful
- Strength of His arm
 - Scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts
 - Brought down the mighty from their thrones
 - Exalted the humble
 - Filled the hungry

2. Saturated with Scripture

- When life goes into autopilot, what we have hidden in our hearts takes over our minds, hearts, and lips.****
- A Scripture-saturated mind reacts in a scriptural way

3. Marked by Humility (47-48)

- “A man has just as much Christianity as he has humility”

4. Full of Thankfulness (46-49)

- J.C. Ryle, “Let us rise from our beds every morning with a deep conviction that we are debtors and that every day we have more mercies than we deserve”
- True gospel thankfulness is always a matter of faith over circumstances

5. Conscious of God’s Faithfulness (50-53)

- “Reflective praise produces future perseverance and present perspective”

6. Confident on Covenantal Promises (54-55)

- “All of the promises of God find their yes and amen in Jesus”

Small Group Discussion:

- 1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you from the Scripture and sermon Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?**
- 2. What does it mean for your soul to “magnify” the Lord, as Mary expresses in her song? How do you personally experience this deep joy and reverence for God, beyond just acknowledging His greatness?**
- 3. How does being “saturated with Scripture” shape our reactions to life’s challenges? In what ways have you found that knowing and meditating on Scripture has helped you respond with faith and thanksgiving in difficult circumstances?**
- 4. Mary’s humility is a key theme in her song. What are some practical ways humility is tested in your life?**
- 5. Mary chose to focus on thankfulness, despite her difficult circumstances. How can we shift our focus from our struggles to gratitude?**
- 6. How has reflecting on God’s past faithfulness helped you trust in His future promises?**