



GRAB GATHER GROW

Week of December 24th

Grab this study, Gather a few people, and Grow in faith

SCRIPTURE

(read over the scripture together)

Luke 1:46-55

Mary said,

“With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior. God has looked with favor on the low status of God’s servant. Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored because the Mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is God’s name. The Mighty One shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors God as God. The Mighty One has shown strength with God’s arm. The Mighty One has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations. The Lord has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. The Lord has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed. The Lord has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering God’s mercy, just as God promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and Sarah and to their descendants forever.”

DISCUSSION

What do you fear? Is it paralyzing?

Why me? Why did God pick someone like Mary?

What has God chosen YOU to do? Are you willing to sing like Mary, or will you let your fear win? Why me? Why would God use someone like me?

God can do great things with ordinary people. Mary was a young girl, unequipped to bear the savior of the world, and yet she was faithful to the call God placed on her life. How can you live into your call?

Where do you need to stretch yourself?

SERVICE

At BUMC we are using our Change for Change Offering for Heifer Project. Our Sunday School children are leading the way with this mission project. Save your change or make a special donation to Heifer Project at church.

You may also visit their web site, they have a wonderful program where you can give the gift of an animal in someone else's name. Check it out, they make great Christmas Presents for those hard to shop for people in our life.

BUMC is also collecting Winter Gear for Children and Youth. Spend the 12 Days of Christmas thinning out the closet and bring new or gently used items to the church.

FAITH FIVE AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share, Read, Talk, Pray and Bless through life this week.

Each day, gather together and share each person's high and low of the day.

Read a piece of Scripture; Talk together about the scripture and how it relates to your day; Pray about your highs and lows and where God is leading you; and at the end of the day share the following blessing: "*Christ is Born*"

SUNDAY: Luke 1:46-55 (Sermon Text)

For the 12 Days of Christmas, starts Christmas Day,

read over the Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-20 or Matthew 1:18-2:23