Today's Scripture

December 15, 2019

- Luke 1:46-48
- Micah 6:8
- Luke 1:46-55
- Luke 1:42
- Luke 1:45
- Psalm 8:4
- Isaiah 43:11
- Luke 10:20

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Family & Community Discussion

Introduction

We are looking at the songs, poems, and words that were sung or spoken over the events that led to what we would call the "first Christmas." The Gospel of Luke gives very specific details about the event: Jesus was wrapped in "swaddling clothes," and placed in a "manger." These details speak of the nature of God and His character: meek, humble, and true. The wonderful point of Jesus' birth is that He came into the world to atone for our sins, He was resurrected, and that He's alive today. That is what we celebrate in the holidays of Easter and Christmas; it is cause for celebration every day, not just once a year.

Discussion

What are you looking forward to that brings you joy?

What robs you of your joy?

Explanation

Do you use the word blessed? If so, in what ways?

Do you feel blessed by Salvation?

When you hear the Christmas story each year, do you think about Mary's situation and reputation?

Do you get upset by what God did to her?

Do you consider her situation blessed/highly favored by God?

Application – Read Luke 1:46-55

Stop and think about this statement, "God put less power into speaking the world into existence than He did into our Salvation." What is your response/reaction to this?

How is God, Himself, your great reward? Is He, Himself, enough?

What is your basis for blessing?

Do you truly believe that Jesus is amazing and you are not yourself?

Mission

If you are comfortable, ask those around you what they see you magnifying with your life. Where do they see your joy (or lack of joy) functioning from?

How can you gift someone else with the blessing of knowing Jesus for who He is, what He has promised, and done this week?