



The Good Doctor-Hopeful Healing for All ~ Luke 1:46-80
December 16, 2018

***NEXT WEEK: Luke 2:1-7**

Questions for the Community

1. Discuss how you might incorporate the arts (readings, verse, poetry, song, short stories, paintings, music) into your weekly time together. NOW...allow the one who has taken time to share something the space needed to let this form of worship break out. (*HINT: requires some advanced planning*)
2. Has there been something in this Advent season that has made it particularly **meaningful**? Share and consider why. Has this been a particularly **difficult** season to connect to God and sense his nearness? Share and ponder the why.
3. Re-read our passage from Sunday. As you read these 2 Spirit infused outbursts of praise, what stirs you most?
4. Does studying and dissecting these 2 songs help or hinder your wonder (IE *dissecting*= noting the construction, patterns, themes, OT quotes, etc)? What is the balance of simply entering into art and letting it have it's way OR gaining notes from a guide who may be able to point out what is going on and how one artist differs from another. Are these in opposition to the other or just held in tension?
5. As you consider the family fights within the church over art (*think worship wars*) over the centuries, are there parts worth fighting about or does all such disagreement grieve the Father? How can a church move forward in unity? What unique part do leaders and congregation play in this?
6. Pray to God who is Father, Son and Spirit. Seek to cooperate with God as he fills your own mind, heart and imagination with redeemed themes and thoughts. Nurture looking for His delighting, comforting presence and instruction in the *ordinary* this week. Report back next time you gather.