

Discussion & Reflection Questions
Reconnect with Love - Advent 4
19th of December 2021

Read: Luke 1.39-55

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' ⁴⁶ And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. What is your favourite Christmas Carol or Song & why does it mean so much to you?
2. Have you tried reading passages from the bible in different translations. Has this ever helped you understand better or get a different perspective?
3. Have you ever found a prayer or a bible reading has had the right words for you to hear, say or pray just at the time you need them to? How do you think God works in those moments?

4. What impact does God's word or stories of God's faithfulness have in times of pain & suffering?
5. How do we show real to others? Both those close to us & those we only pass by.
6. Has anyone been an 'Elizabeth' for you by seeing what God is doing even though you might not see it clearly yourself?
7. How can we be an 'Elizabeth' for others?
8. What song will you sing this Christmas that might not be what you are feeling but more what you want to be feeling? Could this be your 'life song'?

Prayer

Gracious God, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.