



SERMON NOTES

"The Songs of Christmas: ...and What They Teach us About God"
Week One: Mary's Song
Luke 1:46-55

- "What comes into our minds when we think about **GOD** is the most **IMPORTANT** thing about us." - A.W. Tozer
- God is not who you **THINK** He is. He is what He **SAYS** He is.
- A **VIEW** of God that is not shaped by the **WORD** of God is not accurate.

1. He is Persistently **MINDFUL**

2. He has Proven His **MIGHT**

- His **MIGHT** is to show off His **MERCY**

3. He has Provided a **MESSIAH**

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LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of December 1, 2019

MY STORY

When is it acceptable to start listening to Christmas music? When should the Christmas music stop?

If you could only listen to one person's Christmas music, who would you choose?

What is an instrument that you play, or have played in the past?

Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?

DIGGING DEEPER

All of the Christmas songs that we will examine are found in the book of Luke. Read Luke 1:1-4 and talk about the significance of these statements...especially in light of the topic of the message, "What God is like."

How do people that you have known determine what God is like?

What are some common misconceptions about God? Have you ever believed something about God that you found out was inconsistent with Scripture?

How do these these thoughts about God impact their decisions?

What does it mean to you (or what difference does it make) that God is "mindful" of you?

Share a time that God showed you that He was "mindful" of you.

Read Colossians 3:1-3 and talk about the way that God looks upon you.

Mary's song talked about God bringing down the proud and mighty. Read I Peter 5:5-7 and talk about why God desires humility over pride.

Share a time that God allowed you to be humbled.

Are there any of characteristics you believe about God that trouble you? Talk about these as a group in light of the Scriptures.

TAKING IT HOME

What comes to mind when you think about God? Don't try to give a "right" answer to this question...give a "real" answer.

Can you think of any ways in which the message stretched, added to, redefined, or confirmed your personal understanding of God?