

Use the following growth group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. What song has been playing in your head lately? When has the song in your head annoyed you? Inspired you?
2. What got your attention or surprised you in Sunday's sermon?

TALK IT OUT:

3. Of the attributes of God celebrated in May's song, which do you appreciate the most? Why?
4. How does reflecting on God's attributes affect the way we worship?
5. Considering the social status of Mary, how should that encourage us as Christians in fulfilling God's purposes?
6. How does that challenge us?
7. One of the things Mary praised God for was His power. How does God exert strength in the power of His arm over the world?
8. How have you seen God's power at work through Verde recently? Through your life?

WORK IT OUT:

9. What would your song of praise to God include? Perhaps share with your group or spend a few minutes this week writing a short expression of praise to God.
10. How can your growth group pray for you this week?

MAGNIFY

5/7 in the series Audacious Prayer

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Without exception, we have all navigated career change, family change and other transitions. With all change comes the good and the unexpected. Case in point, a young Jewish girl named Mary was given the most remarkable news any ear has heard. She would carry the Messiah. The news was stunning, joyful and frightening. It also produced a prayer song that is timeless. Let's take special notice of three elements of the Magnificat.

1. **Great news. We have a savior** - (*Luke 1:46-47*)! We will always feel better staring at the horizon.
2. **The unnoticeable has been noticed** - (*Luke 1:48-49*). "My confidence and hope is in God. I know now that instead of being a mistake, I am the Lord's treasured possession." –Jenny the Jewel.
3. **God's mercy is endless for the humble and needy** - (*Luke 1:50-55*). "For his mercy endures forever." x26 (*Psalms 136*).

Our Prayer

"Heavenly Father, in the midst of the uncertainties of my life, my soul rejoices in you, God my Savior. I am stilled by your personal attention. You have done wonderful things for me. You have performed mighty deeds, lifted the humble, filled the hungry and have been merciful to me; my God, my Savior, in whose name I pray. Amen."

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