

# The Secret to Christmas Joy



**Luke 1:39-56; Revelation 3:15-20**

## Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you from this week's message on Mary's Magnificat?
2. What's the difference between finding our joy in God versus finding our joy in our circumstances? How can we enjoy the little things of this season without ultimately looking to them to ground us?
3. What circumstances were you tempted to focus on more than God this week? (In other words, where did you find your joy was fragile and taken from you?)
4. Mary's song focuses on the themes of God's strength and God's grace. Which of these stood out to you? Why?
5. How has God shown the strength of his arm in your life this past year? 🙌
6. Mary's song warns against the danger of pride, but the struggle is different for all of us (for some of us, its material wealth that makes us forget our need for God, for others its our spiritual progress, intellect, beauty, family, etc.) Where do you find yourself feeling "rich" and in danger of forgetting your need for God?
7. What would it look like for you to embrace your need for Jesus this week?

**After spending some time discussing these things, pray for each other.**

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