Luke 1:46-48 - 11/25/18

OVERVIEW

In the weeks leading to Christmas, does your schedule seem filled to capacity? Is your mind a whirlwind of to dos and tasks? While our world pushes busy, God looks for quiet moments of peaceful reflection to gently remind us of the reason we celebrate. Mary's story provides the perfect backdrop for the narrative. A young girl of humble station—a great God who chooses her. She can hardly grasp it as she wrestles with the question of "why me?" Through Jesus, God bridges the gap between us and a loving Savior. Take a pause this season to experience His epic grace. The "Wonder" of it is found in asking "why is God choosing me?" and realizing the answer is because He loves you that much.

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

APPLICATION

- 1. Look up the definition of wonder. Share a time when you've experienced this feeling in your life?
- 2. Luke 1:48 says, "...for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant." In what way was God mindful of Mary's "humble state?" Do you think God sees you in a similar way...why or why not?
- 3. Jeremy talked about how women were marginalized (treated as insignificant) in Mary's culture and how God used Mary despite. Have you ever felt marginalized by someone or society and unable to be used by God? Explain how.
- 4. In this first section of the Luke passage, Mary recognizes the delta between her and God—it causes her to be struck by wonder. What would it take (or has it taken) for you to recognize this delta between you and God?

HOMEWORK: In our verses this week, Mary pours out her heart in what is called "Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat." Take time to reflect on God's greatness and wonder in your life. Write down your song of praise to Him.