

Redefined: Upside Down and Inside Out

Luke 1:39-56

Main Idea: Do we have the right God? Or do we need to redefine the God we praise?

Connecting

What brought you joy when you were 15-16 years old?

What would make you sing for joy today?

Understanding

Read Luke 1:39-56. Describe the background of the passage. Why are Elizabeth and Mary so joyful?

What does Mary praise God for in her song?

What does it mean to fear God (v. 50)?

How does God invert our understanding of success and social status? How is this illustrated in Mary's own life?

Living

Share an example of how Jesus redefines things in your life.

In what areas of your life do you struggle with pride?

What keeps you humble?

What are the fears that prevent us from living out Jesus' mission more fully?

Does your desire for personal happiness ever hinder you from following Christ? Explain.

Do you fear God? In what ways does your view of God need to be redefined?

Read Isaiah 55:8-12. Take time to rejoice in the ways that God is redefining our world through Christ.

Sneak Preview

Next Sunday: *Jesus Lives for Justice and Compassion* – Luke 4:14-30

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Luke 1:46-55
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