

# **Discipleship Group Discussion Guide**

## **Sample Interpretive Questions to Ask of Every Passage:**

- What does the passage say about God?
- What does the passage say about his creation?
- What does the passage say about the relationship that exists between them?
- What am I obligated to believe? How am I obligated to obey?

## **Luke 1:46-55**

### *I. Summarizing the Text:*

Praise flows from faith in, experience of, and understanding of God's redemptive plan.

### *II. Stewing on the Text:*

- What does Mary mean when she says that she magnifies the Lord? (v.46)
- Is there any significance to Mary saying that it is her "soul" that magnifies the Lord? (v.46)
- Is Mary saying anything different in verse 47? What is the relationship between praise and joy?
- What does the previous context tell us about the reason for Mary's praise?
- What reasons does Mary give for her praise in verses 48-50?
- What is the emphasis of Mary's reason for praise given in verses 51-53? Why might Mary be particularly sensitive to praising God for what she observes here?
- How has God emphasized the lowly and the proud, the poor and the rich throughout Scripture? How is evangelicalism addressing this? (vv.51-53)
- What specifically is Mary praising God for in verses 54-55? Is this relegated only to Israel?
- Where did the foundation for Mary's praise come from? Where did she get these ideas?

**Next Week: Matthew 2:13-15**