



# Sermon Growth Guide

**December 20, 2020**

**Wonder - Great Things**

**Luke 1:46-55**

**Key Verse:** Luke 1:49 "... for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name ..."

**Big Idea:** We are designed to magnify God.

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## Foundations

The testimony of the people of God is completely congruent in this aspect, when we are brought into the presence of God, our souls expand in awe-filled worship.

Our passage opens with Mary shouting from her heart's rooftop, "My soul glorifies the Lord!" God's presence descended upon Mary and she could not help but sing. This is what wonder-filled life finds, moment after moment of recognizing that there is something out there, or in here, that is worth getting excited about. God is and God speaks to us.

And God is faithful. His faithfulness is of the most consistent, pure kind. He will not fail. His will cannot be thwarted. It is the call upon us as the witnessing community to remember and testify to God's faithfulness.

Pastor Tim writes, "Remembering is an entire category of life in the Bible ... Remembering is resting on the promises of God for the future based on the knowledge of the character of God we have gained in the past." This week is about getting excited once again about the goodness and faithfulness of God, about remembering all that the Lord has done, is doing, and will do.

Gathered together with your circle, in-person or online, open your time of study in prayer. Ask the Spirit to guide and guard your spiritual formation, your growth in Christ.

## Understanding God's Word

This week, walk together verse-by-verse, pointing out to one another what we learn about God's character from Luke 1:46-55.

## Applying God's Word

We are designed to magnify God. Magnifying God is also a good way to perform a spiritual self-assessment. Can you point to times over the past week when your own soul magnified the Lord?

How can you increase your proximity with God so that your soul magnifies Him more and more?

## Witnessing God's Word

The waiting and watching world doesn't so much need your theological answers to all the pain we see around us as much as witnesses moving around the city magnifying God. Imagine every churchgoer in Colorado Springs completely undone in magnifying God hour to hour, place to place.

Identify an area of your coming week where you will have the opportunity to magnify your Creator and Savior. Pray together to be faithful witnesses this week to God's unending and saving mercies.