

Knee Deep

Mary | Week 15

Reflection Questions

1. Review the story of Mary leading up to Jesus' birth in Luke 1:26-56. How would you characterize her attitude? How do you think you would respond if you were in her situation?
2. Mary responds with a prayer/song in Luke 1:46-56. It reflects a reversal of things with God, specifically how God works through and exalts the humble. What are some of the reversals she expects?
3. The way of Jesus from birth to resurrection is one of humility. Talk or think about some ways you see that posture come out in his teachings and life.
4. In Philippians 2:5-11 Paul talks about the extent to which Jesus humbled himself. The God of heaven was born a human and died the most ignoble death on a cross. Willingly. Pastor Dave made a comparison to a human choosing to become a roach to save roaches. How does a God who chooses humility over glory shape your thinking about him and the way he works?
5. Paul says our attitude should be the same as Jesus, specifically with reference to his humility. Describe some ways you can be Christ-like in this way? Talk about issues of humility that you don't think are meant by this passage.

Week 15 Reading Plan

Mon: Revelation 12

Tues: Ps 57

Wed: Ps 58

Thur: Ps 59

Fri: Ps 60

Memorize Luke 2:29-32

Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Action Step

Each weekday, carve a quiet time with God. Pick a religious Christmas carol. Read it and use it as a springboard for prayer. Maybe listen to it or sing it after. Ideally try to do this with someone else. To make the most of this, come to "Praying Advent" on Wednesday evening.