

not even John and his supernatural movement. What can we learn from Elizabeth about expressing our joy in Christ? In what ways do we sometimes hide or hinder our joy in Christ? Why do we do this and what is the outcome?

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Mary's song is one of the most beautiful and extravagant expressions of joy in all of the Bible. How have you experienced what she proclaims about Christ in your life (His might, holiness, mercy, provision, help, faithfulness)? Write a lyric or a couple sentences magnifying the Lord out of your joy in Christ.

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

How are others seeing the joy of Christ in your life this Christmas season? What can you do to better share your joy and magnify His name with others?

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## THE JOY OF BELIEVING

December 10, 2023

Luke 1:39-56

**JOY COMES NOT IN BELIEVING IN \_\_\_\_\_,  
BUT BELIEVING IN MY \_\_\_\_\_.**

I. The joy of belief can be \_\_\_\_\_. – v. 39-40

*Joy is \_\_\_\_\_ as I believe in Jesus.*

II. The joy of belief can be \_\_\_\_\_. – v. 41-45

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## SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*Joy is \_\_\_\_\_ as I share Jesus.*

III. The joy of belief can be \_\_\_\_\_. – v. 46-56

*Joy \_\_\_\_\_ as I magnify Jesus.*

### **Stewardship Report:**

Last Week: \$21,614

This Month: \$20,999

Last Month: \$52,441

Monthly Budget: \$37,673



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### 1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Luke 1:39-56. How many references to joy and expressions of joy can you count in this passage? What words or phrases in the passage make it clear that the joy is centered on Jesus and not other people or circumstances? What do John's, Elizabeth's and Mary's responses to this joy have in common?

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### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Sometimes our faith can be shaken and our belief can be fickle in difficult moments of life. What tends to most often shake your belief and steal your joy in Christ? How do you seek to recover in those moments? Can you think of a recent time when your belief was fickle and it made joy elusive?

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Elizabeth is clearly overjoyed by the revelation of the Holy Spirit about the coming Messiah. Yet her focus remained on rejoicing in the Messiah – not Mary, not herself,

