

**Discussion Questions for
“Tidings of Comfort & Joy: Elizabeth’s Song”
Luke 1:39-45, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of December 2, 2018**

1. Read Luke 1:1-38, looking for comments about Elizabeth
 - a. What details catch your attention?
 - b. What details connect to our passage?
2. Why do you think God made *songs* so important in Luke 1 & 2 – in the Christmas story? Does your answer have any personal application?
3. In the first verse of Elizabeth’s song (v. 42), she calls Mary *blessed*.
 - a. Why?
 - b. Our passage describes one of the first ever interactions with Jesus (notice that Mary’s not yet pregnant in v. 38). How, then, is v. 42 explaining the character and purpose of Jesus?
4. In the second verse of Elizabeth’s song (v. 43)...
 - a. How do you see *humility* in play? And what does this say about how we should respond to Jesus?
 - b. What’s the significance of Elizabeth calling Jesus, “*My Lord*”?
 - i. Both in this true story...
 - ii. And in your own life...
 - c. How is the *grace of God* evident in this verse? And what does this teach you about your own relationship with Jesus?
5. In the third verse of Elizabeth’s song (v. 44), baby John leaps for joy!
 - a. Read John 3:28-30 – words John speaks 30 some years later. How do these passages connect?
 - b. Have you ever experienced the kind of joy in Jesus that John does in Luke 1 & John 3?
 - c. How might you experience *more* of this kind of joy? Who or what is holding you back?
6. In the fourth and final verse of Elizabeth’s song (v. 45)...
 - a. We can see why Jesus is called *the Christ*. What does that title mean? And how is it revealed in this verse?
 - b. If Jesus is the Christ – if God keeps His promises – why do people still refuse to believe what God says?
 - c. In line with our *Neighbor Here, Neighbor There* series, how can we minister to people who refuse to believe in God?
 - d. How have *you* seen God be faithful to His promises? Encourage each other!
7. What truth from this passage, this message, or this discussion do you want to stick with you this week? Why? And how can you make sure it does?