

"Mary Visits Elizabeth"

Luke 1:39-45 December 8, 2015

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Prayer Requests & Opening Prayer

Discussion Starter: Who is the first person you want to talk to when you have good news to share? If that person is in your home, who is the first person you call with good news?

- ³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!" ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

1. Why do you think Mary went to Visit Elizabeth?
2. How do you think Mary felt when Elizabeth greeted her? How is Mary blessed and encouraged by Elizabeth?
3. How many times does Elizabeth use the word "blessed" in this passage? What does it mean to be "blessed"? What does "blessed" mean for Mary in light of Luke 2:33-35?

4. Why do you think God choose Mary and Elizabeth to be the mothers of the one who would prepare the way and the one who would be "The Way"?
5. How do you think Mary saw herself—before the announcement of the child she would bear and after?
6. Outside of the people who raised you, who have been the mentors in your life?
7. Outside of children you raised, to whom have you been a mentor over the years?
8. What do you need to share with a mentor right now—a joy, a burden, questions about faith or another topic, or just a relaxing time together talking about whatever comes up?

Closing Prayer: Guiding God, we thank you for the people who have guided us in our lives and given us a wonderful sense of worth and purpose. We also thank for those whom we have had the opportunity of guiding through their life's journey. We pray that the Holy Spirit of the Christ Child will guide us all our days and that we will always be alert to the ways your Holy Spirit is ready to work through us in the experience of another person. In the Name of the Christ Child. Amen.