

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of May 14th

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1. In your life what has been your attitude to the person of Mary, the mother of Jesus? _____

2. Read Luke 1:46-56. As recorded in this passage, how does Mary's declaration of praise to God reflect her humility? _____

3. Mary's words are filled with OT allusions and quotations. Her mind and heart were saturated with the Word of God. How does one become this way at such a young age? (See Psalm 1.) _____

4. In Luke 2:7-14, what did God choose to announce the birth of His Son to shepherds? _____

5. Read Luke 3:8-9. What are the "fruits of repentance"? _____

6. What was the point of Jesus' words spoken in the synagogue in Luke 4:22-27? _____

7. Read Luke 9:46-48. Practically speaking, what does it mean to be the "least among you"? How can we be that? _____

8. Read Luke 18:9-14. Why did the tax collector go home justified? _____

9. In context, what do you suppose it means to humble oneself? _____

Sermon Prep: Colossians 3 & Ephesians 5

MARY - A MODEL BELIEVER

Luke 1:46-55

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Mary - A Model Believer**". All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Some people esteem Mary to an extent which is tantamount to what?
2. What are at least two things we know that Mary is/was not:
 - a. Queen of _____
 - b. S _____
3. In Luke 1:47 Mary refers to God as her what?
4. Mary was a model what?
5. Though we shouldn't worship Mary, we should call her a what?
6. Luke 1:26-56 is often read at what time of year? (And then forgotten)
7. Where is Nazareth at in relation to Jerusalem?
8. Jewish betrothal was a what?
9. Was the betrothal like an engagement today?
10. What biblical proof is there that Mary didn't remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus?
11. Joseph and Mary's offering in the temple when Jesus was presented to the Lord God indicates what in relation to their wealth?

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12. The sacrifice that a woman was supposed to offer after her days of purification involved what two animals?
13. If the woman was poor, she could offer what?
14. Elizabeth eventually gave birth to a son. His name was what?
15. What is one thing that both Elizabeth and Mary shared?
16. Elizabeth bore the disgrace of what?
17. Mary bore the disgrace of being what?
18. Why does Luke include some of the things that no other gospel does?
19. What is reversal theology?
20. What we read in Luke 1:46f, is called what?
21. When we read these words, we see that Mary had a heart of love for whom?
22. Mary's mind was saturated with what?
23. Mary's prayer was similar to what other woman's prayer?
24. Mary (and Hannah's) prayer's theme is that the Lord does what?
25. In Luke 1:46-48a, there is the emphasis on the fact that God takes notice of and takes pleasure in what character trait?
26. Those who think they don't need God are the ones excluded from His what?
27. Mary understood that this event, the birth of her baby in just a few months was the beginning of a series of events that fulfilled promises given to whom?
28. Rather than viewing things through the lens of circumstances, Mary viewed things through the lens of what?
29. Luke wants us to understand the extreme importance of what:
 - a. _____ as opposed to pride.
 - b. _____ as opposed to arrogance.
 - c. _____ as opposed to rebellion.
30. One proof of "reversal theology" was that God announced the birth of the Messiah to what "lowly members of society"?
31. The message John the Baptizer presented was basically what?
32. According to Luke 4:16-27, who was the target of Jesus' ministry?
33. In response to Jesus' message, in Luke 4, the people were filled with what?
34. According to Luke 6:20-21, what kind of people receive God's grace?
35. The one who recognizes the depth of his sin and God's forgiveness will do what?
36. Jews thought that all rich people do what?
37. God delights in a heart which trusts the Lord with what kind of faith?
38. What is the first thing we learn from Mary's example?
 - a. What is the second thing...
 - b. What is the third thing...
 - c. What is the fourth thing...
39. Do you walk humbly with God? Do you willingly submit to God's sovereign and individual plan for your life?
40. Is your mind saturated with God's Word or something else?