

The Journey Study Sheet Week 3

This week, we are combining sessions 3 and 4 as we wrap our Advent Study

Opening Prayer

Lord, open my hearts and spirit to the story of Christ's birth that I may hear you speak words of hope, love, joy and peace. Amen.

Session 3 Biblical Foundation: Read Luke1:39-45 before watching the video.

Video Session 3: Mary's Visit to Elizabeth

Using Amplify Media, watch the Third Session of the Journey Study.

Video and Book Reflection *(you may choose to write your thoughts)*

1. What did you see in the video or read in the book that surprised you or was new to you? How does this new information shape your understanding of the Christmas Story?

2. Luke 1:56 states that Mary spent 3 months with Elizabeth. In what ways could this extended stay possibly have benefited Mary? How might it have benefited Elizabeth?

Session 4 Biblical Foundation: Read Luke2:1-7 before watching next video.

Video Session 4: From Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Using Amplify Media, watch the Fourth Session of the Journey Study.

Video and Book Reflection *(you may choose to write your thoughts)*

1. What did you see in the video or read in the book that surprised you or was new to you? How does this new information shape your understanding of the Christmas Story?

2. How would you feel if you were required to make this arduous journey at the demand of an occupying power?

Video 3 (posted at www.crawfordvilleumc.org/the-journey/)

This video was filmed in the Sanctuary during the Wednesday Night Advent Study Week 3. In this segment, Pastor Paul will provide additional teaching about Luke 1:46-55, 1st Century Culture, and the role of the marginalized in the Gospel of Luke. Below is an outline that will aid your study.

A. Luke 1:46-55: the Song of Mary (or The Magnificat)

Mary's Song teaches us that through the birth of Christ,
God _____ cultural _____.

B. Two Major Building Blocks of First Century Culture

1. _____

2. _____

C. What Does Luke and the Marginalized Teach Us About Advent?

Jesus came to _____ the _____.

A) Zechariah (priest) and Elizabeth - Luke 1:5-7

B) Mary - Luke 1:26-31

C) The Shepherds - Luke 2:8-14