

# Christmas 2017

Fostering Humility (Luke 1:39-55)

## Launch

Which Christmas carol best describes how you feel right now about the Christmas season? Why? (Here are some options to prime the pump.)

- "O Holy Night"
- "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
- "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
- "Joy to the World"
- "Go Tell it on the Mountain"
- "In the Bleak Midwinter"

## Explore

### Read the passage

What does this passage reveal about Mary?

Which attribute of God that Mary describes is the most meaningful to you? Why?

How does this passage turn the world's values upside down?

## Apply

Why is humility so important in God's kingdom? How does your desire for improving your social standing make humility difficult?

Dependency creates greater humility but our culture celebrates independence. In what areas of your life do you struggle with being dependent on God?

Just as God entrusted Mary with bringing Jesus into the world, He has entrusted us to share that good news with the world. How does that make you feel?

## Pray

Pray that we would be humble and dependent, giving God the glory.