



### Ice Breaker

- What did you associate Mary with growing up? (examples: Christmas, nativity scene, young maiden, baby Jesus)

### Sermon Discussion Questions

- *Read Luke 1:39-56: Luke 1:46-55 is called "Mary's Song of Praise," a response to God's miracle growing in her body. The song is a reaction to this, but the song is not specifically about a baby. **As you read the Song, what is it about?***
- Some theologians have compared Mary's Song of Praise to other theological songs/prayers by women in Scripture. *Read Hannah's Prayer (1 Samuel 2:1-10) and/or Deborah's Song (Judges 5:1-31): **What similarities do you find with Mary's Song?***
- *Using a Bible search website, concordance, or bible app: look up all the times Mary the Mother of Jesus is named in the Gospels and Acts. (Note there is more than one person named Mary, make sure you got the right one!) Mary shows up in a lot of places. In a time and place where lower class women were expected to be at home, Mary happens to be quite active out and about. **What is she doing? How does this wider picture of Mary change your perception of her from what you thought growing up?***
- **Now that you've studied Mary a bit, how does her life story inspire you and challenge you in your faith, leadership, and ministry (whatever that looks like)?**