

Muddling or Magnifying *Luke 1:26-56*

1.	We encounter God as we <u>receive</u> His gracious
	assignments.

2. We encounter God as we reflect on His great works.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. What is your favorite secular Christmas song? Why do you like it? Compare the message of that song to your favorite Christian Christmas song. What thoughts come to mind for you as you compare them?
- 2. If we think of Christmas as a party, how does it shape our experience with God? Read Luke 1:26-38. If we asked Mary to describe her understanding of Christmas, what do you think she would compare it to? Would it change our current approach?
- 3. God brought Mary and Elizabeth together to support each other. Read Luke 1:39-45. What are their differences and what do they have in common? What do these women teach us about how to respond to God and how does that inspire you?
- 4. Read Mary's song in Luke 1:46-56. What stands out to you? Ask God to enlarge (magnify) himself in your soul this Christmas as you respond to His call with faith and obedience.

MEMORY VERSE

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name.