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Advent Bible Study Week 4: Mary Seeding Change

This is the last of 4 Bible studies for Advent, tied loosely in to SPEAK's Seeding Change campaign for justice in the global food system, designed to get you thinking on your own or discussing with a group. It's not a test, there's no 'correct' answers!

Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you as you read.

Have a look through **Luke 1:46-55**

What strikes you as you read this passage?

Food for thought:

What do you think Mary's ideas and emotions behind the song were?

Do you think Mary had known hunger and oppression?

Does this mean God was taking a risk by using her? Why?

How much has Mary's prophecy of the hungry being well fed and the rich being left empty-handed been fulfilled, and what is still to come?

The promise she sings of is 'forever' – how is this being brought about today?

How is Mary 'blessed'? What can we expect of God's blessings on us?

What would greatness in God's Kingdom mean for us?

In what way was Mary waiting for Jesus (other than being pregnant!)? What difference has He made in this context?

How will you respond to what you've learnt?



Notes:

- Mary has just been told she will be pregnant and give birth to God's Son, and has heard Elizabeth's prophetic greeting as confirmation
- She sings a praise song to God for remembering her and her people, and God's promise to bring in a new era of justice
- She prophesies an undoing of inequality
- It's a prophecy of mercy and judgement

Want more?

Take a look at Luke 6:20-31, 14:7-14, John 13:12-17 and Romans 12

