

December 13, 2009

Down to Earth: Week 2

Luke 1:46-55

Read Luke 1:46-55 (twice)

This morning we looked at Mary's song after she found out she would be the mother of Jesus. She recognized that **"Worship replaces worry"**. Mary recognized characteristics about God and that is what allowed her to embrace this call in her life.

God is Lord:

What are the things that you have a temptation to find your identity and worth in? What are the things that you are tempted to declare Lord rather than God?

God is Savior:

What things are you grateful that Jesus has saved you from?

God is Omniscient:

Mary worshipped a God that is personal and knows everything we desire. Do you believe that God knows you and is interested in you "personally"? What does it mean to you that God is "all knowing" and "knows you personally"?

What are you distressed about this Christmas? How do you worship a God that knows you and knows you are distressed about these things?

God is respectful:

God gave Mary dignity. Are there places in which dignity has been taken from you or you have watched "religion" take dignity from people you know?

God is Holy:

Are there places in your life that it's hard for you to know that God is Holy and therefore he has taken and placed your sin on Jesus and no longer on you?

Worship replaces coveting:

Christmas time arouses a lot of "I wish I were like them". Where are you tempted to "wish you were like someone else"?

Spend some time thanking God for the way he has blessed you. List those things.

Now, spend some time thanking God the way he has blessed others. Even list the ways he has blessed those that you want what they have.

God is Sovereign:

Christmas time is a place where all the things that are most difficult seem to shine brighter. How does God's sovereignty change the way you look at these things?

God is Gracious:

What are the ways that you know God has been generous-to you or others you have watched?

God is Just:

Where are the places you worship God because of his justice? Where are the places you long to see God's justice?

Which of God's characteristics do you need to worship the most right now, in the places you sit? Allow Christ to come down to earth in these places of your life: how will that look practically for you?