

LET US ADORE

Group Guide:
Week 1

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- When you imagine success, what do you imagine?
- Have you ever felt adoration for someone or something?
- Discipleship check-in

INTRODUCTION

As we prepare for Christmas and go through the Advent season, we are going to be reading the various songs that people sing in response to the announcement of Christ's birth. Our hope is that these songs will guide us into worship as well. Take time as a group this week to read Mary's song, her response to an angel's announcement that she will be the mother of our Lord.

READ & DISCUSS

READ: Luke 1:46-49

DISCUSS: Mary's reasons for praising God begin with "For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant." Why is that so important to her?

READ: Luke 1:50-53

DISCUSS: "He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty." Why is this a cause of rejoicing for Mary?

READ: Luke 1:54-55

DISCUSS: Do you see God's hand in your family history? How so?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS: How can you learn to respond to God the way Mary did?

PRAY

Pray Mary's prayer together, thanking God for what he accomplished not only in Jesus' birth, but also in his death and resurrection. Take time to meditate on how each line of this poem is even more meaningful and applicable to us, who live on the other side of Christ's victory over sin and the grave.

Leader's Note - For the next couple weeks we will be doing something different with the group guides. They will be a little more bare bones, because we want to create group guides that help everyone learn to read, understand, and apply Scripture for themselves. Please feel free to offer any feedback that you have about the new structure—we'd love to know if you feel like it is helpful or not!

Discipleship Check-In

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?