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2. Luke tells us that Mary's soul magnified the Lord. How does the Bible tell us she did this throughout all her life? Pastor Doug said "We magnify or enlarge God when we take into our thinking some new aspect of His greatness". The fuller our knowledge is of His greatness, the greater our ability to enlarge Him. What kind of goals, can you set to take into your thinking some new aspect of the Lord's greatness? How could achieving this goal magnify the Lord?
3. Pastor Doug encouraged us to rejoice in God our Savior as young Mary did. This is accomplished not only by enlarging the Lord with our minds and then our lips, but in doing so with the passion of our whole being. What do you think this looks like in your life? How can



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4. Mary had personal reasons to sing out the Magnificat. First, because of her “humble estate”. Pastor Doug taught us this meant that she realized that both she and all the world needed deliverance from the messiah. Mary was probably thinking of Psalm 34:18 when she sang this. Jesus does not come merely to the privileged but those who are humble and acknowledging a spiritual need. How does this truth effect the way we give the gospel message to others?
5. Mary’s second personal reason for singing out the Magnificat was that she was blessed. Her blessing was to a great part related to carrying Jesus in her womb. If Jesus is truly born in us, we are also blessed. Both in the life but especially in the next. How is that true?
6. Mary gives her last personal reasons for singing out the Magnificat in verses 49-50 of our text. It is here that she sings of three divine perfections of God: His power, His holiness, and His mercy.
  - A. Can you find an example of each of these three perfections in the Bible? Be ready to share your findings with your group.
  - B. How have you observed these three perfection being worked out in your personal life?
  - C. Our God is immense beyond imagination. He has been so unbelievably good and merciful to each of us. He is unimaginably awesome in all of His perfections. Take time to share how He is powerful, holy, merciful and praise Him in testimony and prayer.

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