

A PRAYER WHEN WAITING

Life Group Questions | Sunday, December 9, 2018

What does it mean to trust someone? Who in your life do you consider trustworthy?

Read Luke 1:26-38. What stirs in you as you hear this story? Pay attention to how the author describes Mary's responses. What do you imagine she was thinking and feeling?

Read Luke 1:46-56. In the midst of all the uncertainty facing Mary, she gives us this prayer. What about her song inspires you? Challenges you? What might you learn from Mary's words and posture?

Read through the prayer another time. Take note of the words and phrases used to describe God character and action. What descriptions about God resonate most with you? What experiences or encounters most shape your understanding of God's presence in your life?

In a world of broken promises, it is hard to put our hope in anyone. We become cynical. We wait, but we are waiting to be disappointed. The scriptures present God as someone who keeps his word. Read the following passages that speak of God's promised One:

- **Micah 5:2**
- **Isaiah 7:14**
- **Isaiah 11:1-3**

Take a minute or two for silent reflection on these questions:

Who are you waiting for? What are you hoping in? Can that something or someone uphold you? Is that something or someone worth the wait?

As you are willing, share your reflections with the group.

Pray together. Close with Luke 1:45.