



SERMON NOTES

December 8, 2024

Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

“Life-Giving”

Christmas Stories: “Life-giving”

When we come out of _____, we find the _____.

[Luke 1:39-41; Psalm 139:11-16; John 11:25-26]

- We are created to be in life-giving _____.
- We are given physical life in the _____ and find spiritual life through Jesus’ _____.

When we are found by the _____, we become _____.

[Luke 1:41-56; 1 Samuel 10:20-22]

- God has given you _____ to be life-giving.
- Worship is “looking up” in God’s _____, which changes the _____.

Mary’s worship “play list” included these _____:

- God is Lord.
- God is my Savior.
- God sees me.
- God redeems me.
- God is mighty and Holy.
- God is merciful to those who fear Him.
- God is powerful and just.
- God is generous.
- God is a helper.
- God is historically faithful.

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Next Step Questions:

- **Do you know the life-giver and are you life-giving?**
- **Are you hiding from community, from God, or from using your spiritual gifts?**
- **Will you choose to worry less and worship more like Mary?**



Pathway Group Discussion Questions:

Note: 1, and 6-7 are general questions asked at Pathway weekly.

1. How is God at work in and around your life?
2. Pastor Brian said, “Hiding is not life-giving. Finding and being found is life-giving” How have you experienced this in your own life?
3. Read Luke 1:39-41. How do you see community, and God, as life-giving in these verses? *Review the notes for a deeper dive if desired and discussion.*
4. Read Luke 1:41-45. Pastor Brian said, “when we are found by the life-giver, we become life-giving? He shared how Elizabeth used a spiritual gift (of prophecy) to do this. How are you using your spiritual gifts to be life-giving? What do you need to do next to learn and/or activate them?
5. Read Luke 1:46-56 and review “Mary’s worship play list” in the notes. How would worshipping the life-giver help you to be more life-giving?
6. How did you answer the next step questions this week?
 - Do you know the life-giver and are you life-giving?
 - Are you hiding from community, from God, or from using your spiritual gifts?
 - Will you choose to worry less and worship more like Mary?
7. How can we pray for you and support you this week?

Note for life group leaders: if you need additional support or resources due to the depth of the verses and topics covered don’t hesitate to reach out:

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November 24 – November 30, 2024

FINANCIALS

\$21,332 down 28.9% to budget for W/E 11/30/24
\$1,711,722 down 3.2% to budget for Year to Date
-\$61,620 Net Revenue after including other income through October 2024
\$230,039 for Missions or 15.0% of General Giving YTD through October 2024

CONNECT

Total Worship Attendance: 712
Online: 61
TWC Attendance Sunday: 536
Kids Sunday: 112
Students: 0

GROW

Baptisms (YTD): 82
Discipleship Groups: 38
Salvations (YTD): 110

SERVE

People Fed at Food Pantry: 51
Weekly Volunteers: 64