

## Home Group Notes: Nothing is Impossible with God; Week Beginning Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### REFLECTION [suggest 15 mins]

Where has God been present in your life this week? Has God answered a specific long-awaited prayer? What has been challenging? Have you had opportunity to share God's love & kindness with others?

### PRAISE THROUGH WORSHIP & WORD [suggest 10 – 20 mins]

**Read Luke 1:46-55.** Use these verses of Scripture to help in your prayers of adoration and gratitude to God. Take time to rejoice in God's unwavering and everlasting love towards each of us.

### STUDY [suggest 30 - 45 mins]

Consider some or all of the following questions together:

- Q. Read Luke 1:26-28.** What was it about Mary that she came to be 'highly favoured' by God? Does God have favourites? What attitudes in a Christian does God esteem most?
- Q. Read Luke 1:34-37.** Compare and contrast Gabriel's response to Zechariah's "how?" and Mary's "how?" How does Gabriel's response to each reveal the heart attitudes behind the question? In what ways is it encouraging to see God fulfilling his plan through a simple Jewish girl?
- Q.** How is God's covenant with David and His kingdom promises to Israel fulfilled through Jesus? (**see 2 Samuel 7, Isaiah 9:1-7, Isaiah 11, Jer. 33**).
- Q. Read Luke 1:41-45.** When someone is filled with the Holy Spirit in Scripture, they immediately begin to talk/praise/sing. Besides Elizabeth, can you think of other examples? Has this also been your experience?
- Q. Read Luke 1:46-55 & 1 Samuel 2:1-10.** In what ways are Hannah & Mary similar? Note the phrase "*He has*" throughout Mary's Song. What does Mary say God has done? Who will and will not receive God's mercy according to **Luke 1:50-53**? How does the grace of God work contrary to the ways of the world?
- Q.** In what surprising or overwhelming circumstances have you experienced God's faithfulness and favour? How does remembering that God's word never fails help you to surrender to God's plan in the surprise twists and turns of life?
- Q.** Our current society faces many issues that appear to be utterly impossible to resolve. How are you reacting? Do you doubt God's power in the situation (like Zechariah) or do you humbly offer yourself as His servant and believe in what God can accomplish (like Mary)? In what ways can you be of service in society/our community/our church in these times?

### PRAYING TOGETHER [suggested 15 mins]

Spend a few minutes praying for one another, to encourage and bless each other. Pray using Mary's song as a guide, praising God for who He is and what He has done, for you, for His people, for the world.