

# Christmas Questions

## An Inspired Question

Message 3

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December 15, 2019

### ► Outline

"Why am I so honored...?"

Luke 1:43 (NLT)

### Inspiration from God...

(Luke 1:23-25,39-45,56; 2 Timothy 3:16)

Inspired = Gk. *thēōpnēustōs*, God-\_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Produces \_\_\_\_\_.

(Luke 1:23-25. C/R: Acts 10:38; 1 Corinthians 12:9;

Hebrews 2:4)

### 2. Promotes \_\_\_\_\_.

(Luke 1:39-41. C/R: Luke 1:14-15; 1 Corinthians 2:15-16;

Galatians 5:25; 1 John 2:27)

### 3. Provides \_\_\_\_\_.

(Luke 1:42-45,56. C/R: John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12; 12:8;

Ephesians 1:16-17)

**Answers:** breathed 1. miracles 2. discernment 3. revelation

**Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

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### ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to discover more about God and develop a deeper relationship with Him. To get connected in a Small Group, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

#### Conversation Starter

How often do you have guests in your home? How do you help them feel welcome?

#### Opening in Prayer

May you come to know God in new and beautiful ways this Christmas. Spend several minutes in silence. Ask God to guide your heart and mind as you study and reflect.

#### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Luke 1:39-56](#).

1. Why do you think Mary hurried to see Elizabeth?
2. What do you think it must have been like for Mary and Elizabeth to share stories about their encounters with God?
3. Have you ever experienced God so powerfully you couldn't wait to share the story with someone? Who did you reach out to first?
4. How is Mary's faith an example to you?
5. Why do you think Luke included the detail that Elizabeth's baby jumped for joy in her womb when Mary arrived?
6. Mary seemed utterly convinced that God really is who He says He is. Have you ever been as confident as Mary about the character and faithfulness of God? Reflect on (or describe) that experience.

7. What specific characteristics of God does Mary's song highlight?
8. Have you ever seen or personally experienced God in any of the ways Mary described Him?
9. What sections of Mary's song resonate with your own heart and life right now? What thoughts come to mind as you read her song?
10. How do you sense God is calling you to respond to this week's teaching?

Every Christian should be both conservative and radical; conservative in preserving the faith and radical in applying it.

John Stott

#### Soul Training

After each Daily Reading this week, pause for several moments in quiet and ask God to bring to mind what He wants you to know.

#### Memory Verse

*Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.*

[Galatians 5:25 \(NLT\)](#)

#### Daily Reading

Day 1: [Genesis 1:26-31](#)

Day 4: [1 John 2:18-25](#)

Day 2: [Acts 10:34-43](#)

Day 5: [Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

Day 3: [Hebrews 2:1-4](#)

#### Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, December 22, we'll continue the series *Christmas Questions*. To prepare for the message, read [Matthew 2:1-12](#).



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