

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements
Week of 12/13/20

Please take a few moments to share these announcements with members of your community group and take some time to pray for the life of the church. Thank you!

Sermon Discussion Questions | [Luke 1:39-56](#)

1. What is Elizabeth's role in spurring Mary's song? When have you found community important in moving you toward praise and gratitude for God's work in your life?
2. What is your gut-level reaction to the "revolutions" in Mary's song (vv. 51-53)?
3. What is it that makes the "revolution" that Jesus brings truly radical, one that can end cycles of retribution and revenge?
4. Mary, like Hannah, exercises theological imagination in moving from what God is doing in *her* life to what He is doing for His people and the world. How can theological imagination help us as we "watch, and weep, and wait" this Advent?
5. How can seeing Jesus empty himself – becoming human, submitting to death on a cross – help us take hold of the promise that "his mercy is for those who fear him"?
6. Pray that God would be at work in our church in this season of waiting, to turn us away from our idols by means of "the expulsive power of a new affection."

Transition Updates:

A critical part of the transition process is prayerfully considering the history, mission, and vision for the church. Following a series of interviews, surveys, and interactions with a sample of the CTK congregation, including some staff, officers, and a variety of members, McGowan and Associates have compiled an assessment and a list of recommendations for CTK to consider as a congregation. **The elders would invite the congregation to read these assessments and recommendations, as well as provide their feedback in a survey**, all of which can be found at ctkcambridge.org/assessment. This information is also linked on the Transition web page, found on the CTK website under "About". This survey will be open and accepting responses through December.

Announcements:

The deacons are partnering with the Cambridge Community Center in a diaper drive for families served by the CCC. If you would like to participate, you can drop off donations at the church building until December 24th, or make a monetary donation to the [CTK Special Giving](#) fund — all donations to that fund before the 24th will be ear-marked for this CCC drive. Visit ctkcambridge.org/ccc, or please contact deacons@ctkcambridge.org with any questions or to arrange a drop off donation.

Join us on **Christmas Eve for a Lessons & Carols service held online**. While this service will be different than years past, one tradition we will be maintaining is the lighting of candles for the last two songs of the service. **You can sign up for a candle at ctkcambridge.org/candles.**