

Grow in confidence – with Luke's Gospel

LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

2nd Meeting **THEME: Where joy can be found**

Prepare yourself. Pray for your Life Group's meeting. At home read Luke 1:39-56

20.00 – 20.10 Start The theme for tonight is joy. Start with sharing honestly whether or not you experienced joy in the Lord recently.

20.10 – 20.15 Pray Ask God that He will use tonight's meeting, to fill you with his Spirit and with joy.

20.15 – 20.40 Bible passage **Read: Luke 1:39 - 56 twice**

Look again at verses 39-41 Mary visits Elisabeth

- After the angel had come to her, Mary went to Elisabeth. What do you think was the reason for this visit?
- How many persons are together when Mary visits Elisabeth?
- What makes this moment special for each one of them?

Look again at verses 42-45 Elisabeth speaks encouraging, prophetic words to Mary

- Pay attention to these words. What strikes you in these verses?
- If Zechariah was present at that moment, how would his wives' words in verse 45 have sounded for him?

Look again at verses 46-56: Mary sings her 'Magnificat', stays three months and returns to her home.

- Do you think Mary can really have made this song? If you believe so, how was she able to make it?
- From where comes Mary's joy?
- What should we learn from Mary's song?

20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper: where joy can be found

Let one of you read Galatians 5:16-26. Here we read that joy is part of the fruit of the Spirit. After you have listened to Galatians 5:16-26, be silent for three to five minutes. In the silence meditate on this question:

What does the Lord tell me to find and experience more joy in Him?

20.50 – 21.00 End Share what came to your mind and take enough time to pray for each other.