

## Message #5 | “My Soul Magnifies the Lord” | Luke 1:46-56 Todd Dugard | December 1, 2013

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### WARMING UP

1. What are your thoughts about the statement that “no matter what God does in you or through you, it isn’t about you”? Be honest. How does this truth combat the “me” culture that is so prevalent in our day?

### DIGGING IN

2. *I magnify God (and minimize me) when I . . . bring all my worship to him with all I have (1:46-47).*
  - Magnifying isn’t about taking something small and making it bigger but about seeing something as it truly is. How does this relate to magnifying God? What does this actually mean?
  - When worship is about us, we become consumeristic about it. How have you seen this play out? What tangible difference does it make when our worship is truly about God alone?
  - What does all-I-have worship look like—at the heart level and in our outward expressions? Make a list of potential characteristics.
3. . . . *knowing he’s behind everything anyway (1:48-49).*
  - What does Mary mean by “from now on all generations will call me blessed”? Is this support for people’s veneration of her? Why or why not? What clue is found back in 1:47?
  - “He who is mighty has done great things for me.” How has this been true for you? Recount some of God’s amazing accomplishments in your life.
4. . . . *and is fulfilling every promise he ever made (1:50-56).*
  - The promises addressed here include: (a) mercy for those who see their need; (b) strength for those who bow their knee; (c) hope for those who live on the margins; and (d) help for those who believe by faith. Take some time to locate each one in the passage. Which of these promises is most pertinent to you right now? How so?

### BREAKING OUT

5. How would you rate your determination to magnify God and minimize self? Where do you struggle most in this regard? What one step could you take right away to improve your worship? Check in with one another this week about these action plans.

