



Mountains as Opportunities

Next Steps

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OPENING PRAYER:

God, we are waiting here for you. Guide our thoughts and prayers so they may increase our faith. When we are weary give us strength, when we want to give up help us to be resilient. Direct us in ways that we can care for each other. Give us courage to move out in faith. We trust in you. Amen.

The mountains themselves call us into greater stories. Donald Miller

BREAKING THE ICE:

Do you have a “go-to” person who you reach out to when times are hard? What makes that person special to you?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Luke 1:39-45

- The people of Israel have waited for a messiah for a very long time. Both Mary and Elizabeth knew God’s promise. How did they faithfully respond to being part of God’s plan?
- We see this as an opportunity because we see the end result. However, each woman faced difficult consequences of their faithful decisions. What might be some of the challenges Mary and Elizabeth both faced?
- How can an encounter with the Holy Spirit move mountains?

NEXT STEPS:

- Both the Angel Gabriel and Elizabeth mention the power of the Holy Spirit. How has the Holy Spirit touched you?
- How do you make yourself open to God’s purposes?
- How do you offer support and encouragement to others?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, we open ourselves to your work and will. Allow us to graciously say yes, even in the face of obstacles. Send us companions for the journey. Amen.