Small Group Questions from November 26, 2023

Read Text: Luke 1:39-45

- 1. Discuss your overall reaction to the message from Sunday. Did anything "stick with you" throughout this past week?
- 2. The words "faith" and "joy" show up often throughout the holiday season, as Bob pointed out. What do those words mean to you? How might we use the interest in those concepts around this time of year to point people to Jesus?

3. Mary is an example of genuine faith resulting in actions of obedience. What are some specific ways that genuine Christian faith will be evident in how you personally live? What are some areas of your life where it is hard to live out your faith? What can help you to live faithfully in such scenarios?

4. Bob pointed to several specific activities of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. In particular, he spoke of the Holy Spirit's work to enable us to bless one another. What might it look like for you to be a Spiritual Blessing to someone else? Who could you seek to bless this week?

5. Bob concluded the sermon by asking us several questions. Discuss these together: Do you believe in your heart of hearts the promises of God? Can others say this of you? Are there people in your life that you can say this about? Have you blessed them and encouraged them by telling them that?