


ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND
SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

Week beginning 12 December 2010. Advent 3.

Reading: Luke 1:46-55(and Lk1:26-45) Theme: The Upside-down Kingdom.

Welcome/ icebreaker	What is your favourite song? (not necessarily a Christian song) What makes a good song?
Worship	Choose some advent songs/hymns. Suggestions: Tell out my Soul, I cannot tell, God is working his purpose out, From heaven you came, Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal God's truth to you and for you today, as you read his word and meet him through it.
Word (refs. ↓)	Sermon available to listen to on www.stbchurch.org.uk if you missed it. Click on "downloads".
Luke1:26-45	Read this silently to set today's passage in context.
Lk1:46-55	What is Mary's Song (The Magnificat) a response to? Compare it with Lk1:67-79 (The Benedictus) and Lk2:29-32 (The Nunc Dimittis). What do the three songs have in common? What are the great things God has done for Mary?
Lk1:46-55	What do these verses tell us about the values of God's Kingdom? How does this compare with the values of the world? Which is upside down? How might we, as followers of Jesus, be involved in the right-way- up Kingdom?
Lk1:54-55	What do these verses tell us about God?(see Genesis12:2-3)
	You may like to pray your own <i>Magnificat (glorify God)</i> as a group. Rejoice and praise God for all he has done for <i>you</i> . Pray as the Holy Spirit leads.
Witness	How will you demonstrate right-way up Kingdom values this week? Think of the Ark; Food for Thought; Swanland School Nairobi; your lonely or housebound or overburdened neighbour.