

WEEK 2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you ever find it hard to pray? Perhaps life is tough and overwhelming and prayer has become more of a task? Mary's Magnificat speaks of the hope of who Jesus is and the strength of Mary in proclaiming that whilst living under occupation in such difficult circumstances herself. Spend some time familiarising yourself with the words of Mary's prayer in Luke 1:46-55 and consider ways you can pray together using her words, applying the hope of her theological declaration into your own context.

2. Mary's Magnificat ultimately points us to Jesus and that's what advent is all about - welcoming him and making space for him amidst the business of Christmas. Take a moment to reflect together on the Magnificat and ask:

- What do each of those different phrases in the Magnificat actually mean?
- What does Mary's vision of justice actually mean for us today?
- What does it mean when she says that Jesus is the hope for each of those statements?

3. Have any of the artworks this week really touched you in your interpretation and understanding of Advent through Mary's words and lens?