



SERMON GUIDE

FAITH WHEN I GROW UP

Luke 1:39--45, 57-66 | Pastor Tim Prince

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted every Friday in the News & Blog section of our website. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your Bible studies!

***QUESTIONS FOR KIDS!** Questions most suitable for children are marked with an asterisk.

Conversation Questions

1. The world around us tends to value and celebrate cynicism, while it looks down on faith as childish and naïve. Have you ever been made to feel foolish or childish by the world around you? Share the story.
2. Read Luke 1:39-45, 57-66. What verse or phrase stands out to you most? Why?
3. What do you notice about Elizabeth and Mary's interaction? How do you think this encouraged Mary's faith?
 - a. Have you ever had an older, more mature Christian in your life like Elizabeth? How did they encourage you to believe?
4. Elizabeth is an amazing example of mature faith.
 - a. Notice that Elizabeth's joy isn't so much in her son, but in Mary's Son. Envy and cynicism often go together; while humility and faith often go together. Cynicism says, "Why doesn't this happen to me?" Humility delights in others.
 - b. When has envy created cynicism in your life and stifled your ability to encourage others?
5. When Elizabeth's son is born, everyone around her wants to name him Zechariah, but Elizabeth stands her ground.
 - a. Has the fear of what other people will think ever hindered you from doing what you know God says to do? Have you ever been afraid of looking childish or naïve?

Let Elizabeth's example be an encouragement to you today. How does your faith need to grow beyond the fear of what others will think or say? How does your faith need to mature?

Who in your life could you encourage the way Elizabeth encouraged Mary?

Ask God for help to do this.