

Making Room in Advent | Week 3 - Make Room for Each Other

Message Big Idea

We make room for God's purposes by making room for each other.

Scripture

Luke 1:39-56

Points to Keep In Mind

1. Advent means "coming." It is a season of transition between what is and what will be. The characters we read about in the Christmas story were experiencing that transition. God was at work in their lives, and as we dig into their stories, I think we'll find that God wants to work in our lives in similar ways.
2. Even though Elizabeth is the elder one and culturally superior, she humbles herself before Mary. She calls her "blessed," a recognition of Mary's honor. Rather than envying Mary's role in the story, Elizabeth is filled with joy and awe that she gets to be a part of it. She is secure in who she is. Like Mary, she, too, was chosen for God's purposes. And when you are confident in your calling, there's room to see the wonder in someone else's. So, Elizabeth makes room for Mary.
3. "When an Elizabeth sees something within us and gives it a name, she calls forth who we are becoming. She calls us to arise into the handcrafted masterpiece we were created to be. And when she does, something supernatural happens. We sing the song we were made to sing." -Bette Dickinson, Making Room in Advent
4. Remember, it isn't "on us" to come up with a vision for someone else's life, but there is power in naming what you see in others that confirm what God has already whispered to that person. There may be people in your small group looking for confirmation or affirmation of a dream or the next step in their lives. They may believe God has spoken to them or nudged them in a direction, and they need an "Elizabeth" to come along and encourage them.

Next Steps

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism
4. What are you learning from the Community Daily? communitychristian.org/daily
5. If anyone in your small group is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth