**Life Group Notes – Sunday 15th December**

**‘The Gift of Joy’**

**SHARE:** With one another things that bring you joy.

**Read Luke 1:26-38**

* What questions did Mary have for the Angel Gabriel?
* Do you think Mary was left with any questions when she accepted what the Angel had told her?
* Share with one another times when you have found it difficult to accept Gods word / will without knowing the answers to all your questions.

**Read Luke 1:39-45**

* Why do you think Mary went to visit Elizabeth?
* How might their visit have brought encouragement and joy to both of them?
* What encouragement and joy have you found through fellowship with other believers?

**Read Luke 1:46-55**

* What does Mary’s song tell us about:
  + Her knowledge of scripture?
  + The source of her joy?
  + Who God is?
* Share with one another the ways in which you express your joy in the Lord.

**PRAY:**

* For those who are struggling with unanswered questions.
* That our church will be a source of encouragement and joy.
* That we will all know the joy of the Lord, even in hard times.