

HOW TO HAVE THE

Perfect Christmas



December 13, 2015

A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40 (NLT)

Why should I make the journey to engage in community?

1. In community, the _____ of God comes alive in me.

At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:41 (NLT)

2. In community, the _____ of God comes alive in me.

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

Luke 1:42-45 (NLT)

3. In community, the _____ of God comes alive in me.

Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful. For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever."

Luke 1:46-55 (NLT)

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back to her own home.

Luke 1:56 (NLT)

GRACE NEWS

Christmas Schedule: For a full schedule of all the Christmas services and events at every campus of Grace Church, visit egracechurch.com/christmas.

LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BASKETS AS YOU EXIT

Date: / /

Service Attended: _____

- ☐ 1st time ☐ 2nd time ☐ 3rd time
☐ Regular Attendee ☐ Church Member
☐ Male ☐ Female

Name(s): _____

- ☐ Single ☐ 18-23 ☐ 50's
☐ Married ☐ 24-29 ☐ 60+
☐ Divorced ☐ 30's
☐ Widowed ☐ 40's
☐ Middle School ☐ High School ☐ College

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Ph: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

☐ *Please update my contact information*

MY DECISION TODAY

- ☐ I said **YES** for the first time,
and became a follower of Jesus.
☐ I decided to **RENEW** my relationship with Jesus.

We have resources to help you with your decision.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR: _____

☐ Public Prayer List ☐ For Pastors Only

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come and rejoice in God!

P: Sing praise to God who continually blesses our lives!

L: In the midst of troubles and stress, God is near, offering compassion.

P: Our hope is in the Lord.

L: Let all the people praise God.

P: Hallelujah! AMEN.

INVOCATION

Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Sunday @ 11:30am (Traditional)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Children's Ministry Sunday @ 11:30am
(during service)

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