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The First Christmas Carol, Part 1

Luke 1:39-56

I. Biblical Background

A) In the beginning

B) In the Interim

C) In the Example

II. Cultural Background

A) A Bit More History

B) What of These Women?

III. Contextual Background (1:39-45)

A) The Manner

B) The Message (42-45)

C) The Meaning

Small Group Questions

1. This morning, Zechariah, Elizabeth and Mary were held up as examples of faith counter to their culture. They weren't against their culture so much as they were fully identified with God's purposes as to become incompatible with the world. What are some more biblical examples of people who did this? What are some teaching passages in the Bible which also show this?
2. Discuss some of the examples and passages you all figured out above and make application to the culture in which we live today.
3. Have a conversation along similar lines, but specifically as those passages specifically pertain to our culture's use of Christmas compared with God's purposes in it.