## Mary's Voice December 4 Discussion/Journaling Questions

Below are some questions to contemplate as you watch the video recording of Mary's Voice from December 4 and participate in the guided Visio Divina. Please consider using these resources to bless someone else who might be encouraged and uplifted this Advent season.

## Luke 1:41-45 (ESV)

<sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

- 1. What part of the Scripture stood out to you?
- 2. What did you learn about God in this passage?
- 3. What did you learn about Mary? How has your perception of her changed?
- 4. What did you learn about Elizabeth? How has your perception of her changed?
- 5. What did God say to you in this passage?
- 6. What is the first thing that stood out to you in the painting?

7. How do you see God at work in this painting? What does this say about His character or His nature?

8. When was the last time you were filled with joy?

9. Is there a circumstance that you are hoping will bring you joy? What might you want to say to God about it?

10. What are your take aways from the first 4 days of the devotional?

11. Do you have a favorite piece of art so far from the devo? Why?

12. How have you seen Jesus enter into the devastation of sin and bring redemption into your life?

13. How well did Mary know scripture? How well did Mary know the prophecies about a Savior for her people?

- 14. How did God use Elizabeth to encourage Mary?
- 15. How did God use the gift of prophecy in Elizabeth?

16. How are blessing and believing tied together for Mary and Elizabeth?

17. Is there a promise of God that He wants you to believe that He will fulfill and how might you be blessed if you do?