

**GO!**  
***Great Expectations*** - Luke 1:39-80

- i. What would make you celebrate wildly?
- ii. How would you celebrate?
- iii. We need to read this text like that today...
  
- I. WE GO WITHOUT INHIBITION
  - a. The purpose of Mary and Elizabeth is for John and Jesus to meet one another.
  - b. More verses about John than Jesus
  
- II. WE GO EXPECTING ROLE REVERSALS
  - a. The proud brought low and the humble exalted.
  - b. God does this.
  
- III. WE GO EXPECTATION POLITICAL POWER ENCOUNTERS
  - a. This may be difficult to hear today.
  - b. Zechariah states that the political powers are brought low and the oppressed are given voice and there is salvation for the soul through forgiveness of sin.
  - c. Today we need to regain a sense of balance with this. We major on forgiveness of sins and set aside or eliminate political resistance. This is not biblical.
  
- IV. WE GO TO THE *ANAWIM*
  - a. In Mary's song the humble are the *anawim*—those dispossessed, the oppressed, with no voice, the marginalized. Luke is very concerned about the fate of the poor, the homeless, the immigrant, alien and stranger among us.
  - b. We are called to hold forgiveness of sins and political involvement with the *anawim* in healthy salvation perspective, like Luke commands.
  
- V. WE GO TO SEE WHAT SALVATION LOOKS LIKE
  - a. This is fun, playful, imaginative, creative.
  - b. It is what the adventure of faith being lived out in a local context looks like.
  - c. Can we agree to struggle with all of this and have fun in our mission to the streets?