

## Luke 1:5 – Birth of Hope



Questions from Dec 7, 2025

(1) Luke uses the style of the Greek translation of the Old Testament

- ❖ To show this is a continuation of the biblical story.
- ❖ Not a new religion.

(2) Unanswered prayer does not prove divine judgement or lack of concern.

- ❖ God's timing and ways often surprise us.
- ❖ Keep trusting and praying. Don't give up!

(3) John will be filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb.

- ❖ Which clearly implies he was a human being in the womb
- ❖ Therefore, abortion is killing innocent human life.

(4) John's calling was to prepare people for God's coming.

- ❖ By turning the hearts of fathers to their children.
- ❖ When fathers disciple their children well, it prepares the way for God to work in their lives.

(5) You can question God's voice, but not His power.

- ❖ It's a good idea to test whether you heard God.
- ❖ But it is wrong to doubt God's power.
- ❖ Many Christians have absorbed the cynicism of secular culture and do not expect God to do anything miraculous in their lives.

(6) Yet God is still merciful on those who doubt

- ❖ God's discipline helped Zechariah and Elizabeth to worship Him.

### Ice Breaker

(1) Share how you are doing and pray for each other.

### Digging Deeper

(2) Read Point 1. Why was it important for Luke to show that Jesus' story is a continuation of the Old Testament, not a brand-new religion?

### Living Out

(3) Read Luke 1:5-13 and Point 2. Have you ever felt like God doesn't hear your prayers or doesn't care? How can God's Word encourage us when we struggle with those feelings?

(4) Read Luke 1:14-15, Point 3 and John 1:17. Abortion has become so politically divisive that some Christians ignore or downplay its importance. Other Christians are angry and judgmental towards pro-choice supporters and those who have had abortions. How does God want us to respond?

(5) Read Luke 1:16-17 and Point 4. Explain why a father who discipless his children well prepares the way for God's work in their lives.

(6) Read Luke 1:18-22 and Point 5. What is the difference between questioning God's voice and questioning his power? What is the balance between credulity (willing to believe any miraculous claim) and cynicism?

(7) Read Luke 1:23-25, 57-68 and Point 6. How did God's discipline actually help Zechariah and Elizabeth to grow closer to him?