



# Home Teams

DISCUSSION GUIDE

**un**boxed.

Nov 30 & Dec 1, 2019

# Unboxed: Week 1

## *God Hears You*

**BIG IDEA:** The essence of Joy is found in being close to God, not getting what you want.

**TEACHING POINT:**

- The first gift “unboxed” is the life of John.
- Jesus is the gift that must be opened.

**SCRIPTURE:** LUKE 1:5-25



### OPENING QUESTIONS

1. When have you felt that no one was hearing you?
2. Name something you are looking forward to this Christmas.

### IN THE WORD

1. How does what we learn about John the Baptist’s parents in [Luke 1:5-7](#) help us understand the godly upbringing John must have had?
2. What do you think Zachariah believed was the best part of this news found in [Luke 1:11-17](#)? Name as many parts of this news as you can.
3. Why would Zachariah doubt the angel of the Lord, as stated in [Luke 1:18](#)?
4. Explain why John’s ministry is so important according to [John 1:29](#) and [John 3:30](#)?
5. In what ways does [Luke 4:18-19](#) help us appreciate both Jesus and the ministry of John?

## MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Describe something you hoped for, given up hope on, then had it happen only to be greater than anything you had dreamed?
2. How is John's life and ministry the first necessary gift to be unboxed to receive the gift of Jesus?
3. Why is it so necessary to unbox the gift of Jesus this Christmas?
4. Who can you share your journey of unboxing the gift of Jesus with this Christmas season?

## CONTINUED LEARNING

In [2 Corinthians 12:8-10](#) Paul desires to have some “thorn in the flesh” to be taken from him but God says no. Think about how in difficult times God has drawn close to you and given you strength.

This Christmas season at Pathway, you can help families in your community by participating in a giving opportunity at your campus as part of *Heart2Heart*—our annual Christmas outreach. [pathwaychurch.com/heart2heart](http://pathwaychurch.com/heart2heart)

- **I WILL:**  
I will obey something from God's word in the next 24-48 hours.
- **I'LL SHARE:**  
I will share, with either a believer or non-believer, what God is teaching me and what I'm learning.

# Notes & Prayers



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