



DIGGING DEEPER

Week 3 | Advent in the Gospel of Luke



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RECAP

This weekend we continued our study of Luke during Advent focusing on Zechariah's response when his son John is born and he can finally speak again. Before starting the discussion questions with your group, pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be present with you as you study through this passage.

ICEBREAKER: What has been the hardest thing to wait for in life?

READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER: Luke 1:67-80

DISCUSS

1. Take a moment to discuss the back story of what occurs before Zechariah's song in verses 67-80.
2. Zechariah and Elizabeth are good examples of individuals who continued to wait on the Lord despite long years of unmet expectations. How does their story give you hope? What does it inspire you to do?
3. Dr. Bob Quadro shared that it is in the "waiting and in the unmet expectations that we find purpose, joy and hope in the character and trustworthiness of God." Discuss this statement among your group. Have you experienced this before? If so, share it. Have you ever judged God's character and ability to care for you based on your present circumstances?
4. Read verses 67-75. What kind of Messiah is described in this portion of Zechariah's song?
5. Read verses 76-80. How does this description of the Messiah differ from the previous question?
6. As Jesus' followers today, what can we do in our own waiting and in response to the Messiah?

PRAYER TIME

Allow your group members to pray for you. Be willing to share prayer requests and pray together as a group. As we study the Gospel of Luke, please be committed to read along with us through this book!

GET INVOLVED

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES: Consider serving as a group this season. We need volunteers at Christmas Eve services (12/24), Winter Guest House (Jan 1-8) and during the Upward Basketball season (starting in January). You can find out more and sign up at fairoaks.church/missions or contact Lauri Balbi (LBalbi@fairoaks.church).

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