

Home Group Discussion Guide

Title – "The Faithful Wait: Lessons from Zechariah and Elizabeth"

Text – Luke 1:5-25

Explore the Passage

Start by reading over this week's passage.

As we arrive at the time of the birth of Jesus, we find ourselves in the days of Herod, which were dark and evil times. It is in this darkness that God decides to send the light of the world. How does understanding the context of the culture when Jesus was born affect your understanding of the Christmas story?

Discuss the significance of the names Zechariah and Elizabeth. How can the meanings of their names ("The Lord Remembers" and "My God Keeps His Promises") provide hope and encouragement to individuals facing prolonged challenges or unanswered prayers?

The angel Gabriel tells Zechariah and Elizabeth that their son will be the forerunner to the Messiah. But he also tells them that this child will personally bring them great joy and gladness. Reminding us that God can accomplish global, and big universe goals and at the same time show incredible love and care for the smallest of saints.

Can you think of any examples from your life where God was doing something big and yet at the same time showing you His love through small things?

Why do you think Zechariah struggled to believe Gabrielle's promise of God to answer his long-standing prayer? Why do we often find it hard to believe God even when the evidence is clear that He is working and hears us?

Share one truth you have learned from this passage that you could pass on to someone else. It could be helping to disciple a friend, spouse, child, or even a seeking neighbor.

Group Prayer Time

Share prayer requests and praises and spend a few minutes praying together as a group.

Pray for Lost People

Pray for Spiritual Needs of the Faith Family and the group

Other Needs
