

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### **Family Christmas: God's Plan of Redemption Through Everyday People**

**Sermon:** Luke 1:5-25: Zechariah & Elizabeth

**Date:** Sunday, December 7, 2025

1. Read Luke 1:5-7. What do we learn about Zechariah and Elizabeth's character despite their struggle with infertility? How does this challenge common assumptions about suffering and God's favor?
2. Oswald Chambers said, "Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time." When has God's character sustained you through a confusing or painful season? What aspects of God's character do you need to lean into right now?
3. Pastor Jared shared his own story of how God used a painful season in his life to eventually position him at NMBC. Can you identify a time in your life when God was positioning you for a blessing you couldn't yet see? How does looking back at God's faithfulness help you trust Him with current uncertainties?

4. Why do you think Zechariah responded with doubt (v. 18) even after seeing an angel? What does this teach us about faith and our own struggles with belief?
5. In John 3:30 John the Baptist said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." What are practical ways for Jesus to increase and for us to decrease in our daily lives?
6. How does understanding that Christ has removed our reproach and clothed us in His righteousness change the way we view our past failures and identity?
7. Why is it significant that God chose ordinary, faithful people like Zechariah and Elizabeth to play such a crucial role in His redemptive plan? How does it help you see your significance within God's redemptive plan today? Who can you share the hope of Christ with in your life?

