

Coming Home for Christmas #1

December 5, 2022

Small Group Questions

1. Optional Icebreaker Question: Name your favorite Christmas movie.
2. What is one of your hopes for this Advent and Christmas season?
3. Read Luke 1:5-25. What phrases or verses particularly capture your attention and why?
4. One of the most important questions we can ask to interpret the Bible is this: Why is this detail included? What details in this text do you think are particularly important for capturing the meaning of the story?
5. In what ways do Zechariah and Elizabeth set an example of “practicing the way of Jesus” for us? How might we emulate their faithfulness in our lives?
6. Luke 1:13 says, “But the angel said to him, ‘Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.’” Consider the statement, “your prayer has been heard.” Can God still hear your prayers even if he doesn’t answer them? What difference does it make knowing that your prayers are heard by God? How have you sensed God hearing your prayers?
7. Read Luke 1:57-67. The name John means “God has been gracious.” Why is this a fitting name for this child?
8. Read Luke 1:76-79. What stirs in your hearts as you hear these prophetic words about Jesus?
9. Close by praying for one another.