

Ask that God would illuminate the Scriptures & speak truth to your hearts. Pray that your discussion would lead you to see God's purpose in a way that changes the way you live.

Read Luke 1:5-25, 57-66

Who are the characters in this story? What do these verses tell us about Zechariah & Elizabeth?

Read Psalm 1

Compare the righteous (or godly) person to the wicked. What are the characteristics of each? How are they alike? How are they different?

John the Baptist's parents were a Psalm 1 family. They were:

- **Planted – God has you where you are for a purpose!**

What was Zechariah's job? What is a priest? (What are their duties, purpose, etc?) Read 1 Peter 2:9. Who is Peter talking to? (You might have to check 1:1-2.) What does Peter say we are and what is our purpose? What does that (or what can that) look like for you personally on a daily basis?

Read Psalm 1:2 again. What is one thing you've learned from studying Scripture this season? Why should we spend time reading, studying, and meditating on Scripture? Read Jeremiah 29:13 & Matthew 7:7. What does the Bible promise will happen when we seek for God?

Consider using the Bible App to form a group and make a daily habit of reading God's word together. The Bible Project has a great plan to read through the New Testament in a year and one for the Old Testament too. The Bible Recap is another one of my favorites because it has a podcast to go along with it that explains what you just read.

Read Luke 2:57-66 again. Describe Z & E's community. Can a person be a priest without being in community? Read Philippians 2:1-2 and answer the questions. What are the benefits of community?

- **Praying – They prayed for their child!**

What promises did the angel give Z about John? What does it look like when God turns the hearts of fathers to their children? What do you pray for your kids? Take a minute to pray for all of our Bridge Kids!

- **Purposeful – When they got a glimpse of God's purpose, it changed their priorities!**

Read Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4, 2 Timothy 3:14-15, and Psalm 78:2-4. What instructions do we get about parenting? What if you don't have any kids or any kids at home? Who can you train using this good advice? What's the relationship between your own health and discipling others? JJ talked about Joshua and how he left the doubt of his parents' generation behind and led God's people into a *new* land. Are there other stories in the Bible or in your own life of God doing something new that's different than the last generation? Give God the glory!

At the end of your time, give everyone a chance to share their answers to these questions:

What does this Scripture tell us about God?

What does it tell us about people and what our response to God should be?

Is there anything I misunderstood before or believed that was wrong and needs correcting? (Is there a point I'm missing?)

Does this Scripture reveal any disobedience in me that I need to repent of? (What correction is God bringing? How is He changing my mind?)