

# LIFE GROUPS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the most unexpected surprise or answer to prayer that you have experienced or heard of lately?
2. Read Luke 1:5-7. What stands out to you about Elizabeth and Zechariah? Do you think that we need to be “blameless for God to answer our prayer?
3. How do you think that this couple felt about God not answering their prayers regarding having children? Have you ever experienced similar feelings regarding “unanswered” prayer? What helped you through it?
4. What is significant about the task that Zechariah is chosen for in verses 8-10?
5. Read verses 11-17. How does God break through to Zechariah and reassure him about the mission? What does the Lord do to reassure you in your moments of fear and uncertainty?
6. Describe the anticipated ministry purpose of John. Why is He so vital to the Lord’s plans?
7. Read verse 18. Why would Zechariah doubt the angel’s message!? What are you most doubtful about regarding the Lord’s promise and plans in your life? What helps?
8. As you look at verses 18-20, how does Gabriel respond? Is this a reasonable rebuke and consequence for doubt? What is the purpose of God’s discipline in our lives?
9. Read verses 21-25. How did all the people involved handle the news and their role in fulfilling the promise?
10. What do you learn from these Christmas characters that will help you work through disappointments and to not give up hope?



### Zechariah

Luke 1:5-25

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