

Zechariah

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

Zechariah's Journey

- Zechariah was a _____ priest who had been _____ God for a child for _____.
- Gabriel told Zechariah that God was _____ his prayer for a child.
- Gabriel told Zechariah that his son would be the _____ of God's answer to the prayers of _____.
- God wanted Zechariah to _____ this news with the _____.

- Obeying God's will required _____--taking real _____ on God's promises--but Zechariah wasn't willing to take the _____.
- God sealed Zechariah's mouth so he could have a _____ to fulfill his purpose.
- Zechariah ultimately _____ God and _____ to the Israelites about the promises of God.

The Road to Christmas

- The Promises of Christmas don't just _____--we have to _____ to be part of them.
- We receive the promises of Christmas by _____ the gift of Jesus--and the _____ he brings.
- The world is transformed by Christmas through faith--our willingness to _____ on the promises of Jesus in _____ ways.

Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Have you had (or do you have) any long-term prayer requests like Zechariah and Elizabeth did?
3. Has God ever answered one of your prayers in a big way, like Zechariah & Elizabeth?
4. Zechariah's son was meant to be a blessing to all of Israel. How are God's gifts to us blessings to those around us?
5. Why is it so hard for us to act in faith—to take real action on the promises of God?
6. Was Zechariah's muteness a blessing or a curse?
7. What did it look like for Zechariah to share the blessings of God? How far was he able to reach?
8. What does it look like to choose to be a part of Christmas?
9. How can you share God's gifts to you with those around you? What is your mission?
10. How will fulfilling your mission require faith? What actions will you need to take that depend on God's promises?