

UNEEXPECTED

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

Small Group

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

SUMMARY

This Christmas season, we’re taking a fresh look at the familiar story of the birth of Jesus. Pastor Frank kicked off this series with a message entitled “Expect the Unexpected” from Luke 1:5-25. We looked at a couple named Zacharias and Elizabeth who had been waiting on the Lord, and we saw Him work miraculously on their behalf.

APPLICATION

- 1. Zacharias and Elizabeth were an older, godly, married couple who had an unmet expectation. They expected to have a child, but Elizabeth was barren.**
 - Talk about a time in life, past or present, when you had an unfulfilled expectation.
 - In general, how do you respond to unmet desires?
- 2. Zacharias’ blessing came as he was focused on ministering to others.**
 - In those moments of self-pity and perhaps even frustration when you have an unmet expectation, how can you redirect your focus towards being a blessing to others?
- 3. The angel told Zacharias that his prayer - perhaps a multi-decade long prayer for a child - had been heard.**
 - What prayer(s) have you been praying for a long time with seemingly no answer?
 - What can you learn from the example of Zacharias and Elizabeth regarding prayer?
- 4. Zacharias and Elizabeth endured this unexpected challenge well and did not take matters into their own hands like their forefather Abraham did.**
 - Have you been tempted to take matters into your own hands while in the season of waiting on the Lord? What happened?
 - What does it look like for you presently to commit to waiting on the Lord’s timing in the midst of your waiting?

PRAYER

Pray that the Lord would help you wait with patience and joy.



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