



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Today we're focused especially on John the Baptist and his parents Zechariah & Elizabeth. Their story is intermixed with Jesus' story throughout Luke chapter 1. In order to fully understand the context of their story, it's probably best to read the whole chapter of Luke 1 together. So, read Luke 1 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Describe the various emotions of Zechariah and Elizabeth throughout this story.
- 5) What did the angel of the Lord tell Zechariah that John the Baptist would do?
- 6) Compare Zechariah's response to the angel of the Lord and Mary's response to the angel of the Lord. How are they different?
- 7) What did God teach Zechariah through his enforced period of silence? How do we see his faith growing in this story?
- 8) Verses 67-80 contain Zechariah's prophecy. Prophecy tends to be written in poetic language and sometimes it's a little hard to understand. So, as a group, recount what Zechariah's prophecy says.
- 9) In Zechariah's prophecy how does God show mercy to Israel and the world? What goal or purpose does God have in mind for man's salvation?
- 10) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

** Some of these questions are taken or adapted from: Thabiti Anyabwile, [Exalting Jesus in Luke](#), Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2018), Lk 1:57–2:20.*