



Sermon Discussion Guide
Christmas for Everyone: Sing a Song of Hope
Sunday, December 13, 2020
Based on Pastor Alex's Sermon

Introduction

We're in a series of messages called *Christmas for Everyone*, looking at the original Christmas story through the eyes of four different people who experienced the arrival of Jesus in different ways. When we do this, we see that the message of Christmas is truly for everyone. In this third message we're looking through the eyes of Zechariah.

To watch this week's sermon before your group discussion, go to www.journeyoffaith.com/messages

Share Your Story

1. What about the Christmas season are you the most ginchiest about?
2. What's one of the greatest experiences you've ever had during Christmas?

Hear God's Story

1. Read about who Zechariah was in Luke 1:5-17. How would you summarize what's going on here in just 1-2 sentences?
2. Zachariah's son, John the Baptist, was to be a God-appointed prophet who would prepare the way for Jesus' ministry. Pause now and read what Zechariah proclaimed after John's birth in Luke 1:68-75. Basically, Zechariah was blown away that God was still fulfilling His promises made long ago. How do you see God fulfilling His promises still today?
3. How can we still believe God's fulfilling His promises when we go through hardship?
4. Next, Zechariah shifts his words directly to his son John. Read Luke 1:76-79. John's mission in life was to help other people experience that forgiveness and transformation is possible. What's one thing that stops you from letting that life mission be yours as well?

Create a New Story

1. This week, start keeping a list of ways that God fulfills His promise to love you. What's the benefit of this intentional habit, and what are some practical ways to do this?
2. As you read the Bible this next week, ask yourself, "How can I share this with others?" How would you share with someone briefly what you read in this session?

Further Studies: Going Further Through Dialogue

Let's revisit Zechariah's proclamation in Luke 1:67-79. Read through it one more time straight through quietly on your own, then move on to the below questions.

DISCUSS

1. What stands out to you the most about what Zechariah says here?
2. What questions do you still have?
3. What one thing do you see here that teaches you about God's heart?
4. Does anything about what we've read or discussed from this passage challenge how you saw things before? If so, what in particular?
5. How does all of this help give you a greater perspective on the Christmas story?
6. What's God teaching you in this season of life you're currently in?
7. How can your fellow Life Group members pray for you this next week?

For Parents: Repackaging for Youth

1. For those who have young children in the home, what are some ways you could teach this lesson to them that takes into account their age and learning level?

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