

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, Dec. 6, 2015 The Gospel In Song | Luke 1:57-80—Zechariah's Song: The Benedictus

Zechariah's song is a personal song.

1. Why was Zechariah mute? What was the reason given to him? Why did he doubt? Are there any areas in your life that you doubt God's ability to change? To rescue?
2. Gabriel addresses Zechariah very personally and with great detail ...and yet he does not believe. Are you surprised by his inability to believe? How are we like Zechariah?
3. God "visited" (v.68 ESV) with his people. How does God visit you today?
4. Travis listed several scripture passages that help him understand what the phrase, "personal relationship" with God looks like. Take a moment and look them up including some of the surrounding context and tell the group how they influence your understanding of a personal relationship with God.
 - a. Genesis- 32:24
 - b. Isaiah 6:7
 - c. Galatians 3:27
 - d. Mark 8:23
5. Travis shared the scripture, John 1:14 from the Message: "The word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood." How does this passage effect you?

Travis listed several questions for personal application. Take some time as a group and answer some of the questions and talk about how they might help you apply the sermon during this season of Advent.

6. To prepare: what am I doing to prepare for Jesus' arrival this Advent? Discuss some ways that you as a group or your family might prepare together.
7. To give: when was the last time I confessed my sin?
8. To shine: where is darkness that needs God's light? Is there something as a group that we might do to be a light?
9. To guide: will I allow Jesus to guide me? What might be blocking me?

If you have more time, you may want to discuss the following:

10. What enemies do you have in your life that you need God to deliver you from?
11. Do you feel as though you can and do serve God "without fear in "holiness and righteousness"? If not, what is holding you back?