

Small Group Study Guide, Week of December 1, 2024

Luke 1:5-25; “When Life Doesn’t Go Your Way”

Q: How should you respond when life doesn’t go the way you had hoped?

Big Idea: When you can’t believe how your life turned out, believe in the Lord who fulfills His perfect plan.

Ice Breaker: When you were young, what is a wish you had that, so far, has not been fulfilled?

Dig:

1. During Advent, we will be studying Luke 1. Luke is the longest book in the New Testament. What do you know about the author? About the recipient? About the purpose of the book?
2. In this passage, we are introduced to several characters. What are we told about Herod? About Zechariah? About Elizabeth? About Gabriel? About John? About the people at the temple?
3. What was the significance of the task for which Zechariah was chosen? How would the birth of this son affect Zechariah and Elizabeth? Why would Zechariah doubt?

Apply:

4. In what ways do you feel spiritually barren now? What help do you find from this account?
5. When was a recent time you doubted God? What caused your doubt? What is the outcome so far?

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