

Small Group Study Guide, Week of December 22, 2024

Luke 1:57-80

Ice Breaker: Tell about the way you celebrated the birth of your first born child or a memorable way a friend celebrated theirs.

Dig:

1. How did John's birth fulfill the words of the angel in vv13-17? How did the neighbors and relatives respond to the events in this passage? How did Zecharia respond?
2. In Zecharia's song, vv68-79, list the things he praises God for. Compare and contrast Zechariah's song with that of Mary (vv46-55). What do you find most interesting about the similarities? About the differences?
3. According to this song, what is the purpose of salvation? How does Zecharia's song reflect the transition from Old Testament days to the coming of the Messiah?

Apply:

4. "For the Lord's hand was with him (John)." (v66) What does that mean to you? Has God's hand been with you? How do you know?
5. Who helped prepare the way for God's plan of salvation in your own life? This Christmas season, write a song of praise to God for the people and events He brought into your life to lead you to where you are now.

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