

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 12/8/13

Zechariah's Story ***Luke 1.5-25, 57-80***

Purpose of SG: to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

2013 Annual Focus: Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

Announcements: (1) 12/22 Children's Community Christmas Extravaganza, (2) 12/24 Christmas Eve Readings and Carols, and (3) Sign Up for LifeChange.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: calling the church to embrace to "too good to be true" message of their role in embracing and sharing the hope of Christmas.

Read Luke 1.1-25. If Zechariah is such a righteous man, why do you think he doubts the angel's message? How are you like Zechariah in this vulnerability? What do you think of God's discipline for Zechariah? Why do you think he chose that discipline?

In vv. 9-13, how would you explain the significance of prayer to the events that take place?

Read 1.57-66. How has Zechariah changed from v. 18 to now? What all did God use to strengthen his faith (note. Vv. 39-45)

Read 1.67-80. What are the main themes of Zechariah's song of praise? Note every time he alludes to God keeping his word and contrast that with v. 18.

What is the big point of the telling of Zechariah's story here, in Luke 1?

What in Zechariah's (and Elizabeth's) life challenges you?