

MISSIONAL GROUPS

Songs of Christmas
Dec 15
Luke 1:67-79

WELCOME – Potluck – Sharing a meal together. Icebreaker questions with group members to connect with one another relationally and get everyone comfortable with sharing.

- Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion)

Why is it important to trust God's promises?

WORSHIP - *after dinner* - to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion

- Join in singing a worship song:
- (found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11393450>)

WORD - Facilitate discussion using the guide below and to consider how the sermon applies to our lives

Focus: A Song of Trust

⁶⁷ His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David

⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹ salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us—

⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors

and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,
⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Luke 1:67-79

Read through Luke 1:67-79 and share a couple of things that stand out to you.

In the message Sunday we reflected on when Zechariah realized that God has been faithful to His age-old promises in the coming of Christ. By faith he trusted in God's promises that the period of silence is broken, and the Lord has spoken decisively through the birth of Christ.

Discussion Questions:

Question 1: Personal Experience with Silence:

Have you ever experienced a season in your life where it felt like God was silent or distant? How did you cope during that time? What helped you trust in God despite the silence?

Question 2: The Spirit of Christmas:

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Question 4: **Calling and Purpose:**

Zechariah prophesied about the purpose of his son, John. What do you believe God is calling you to do in this season of life? How can you prepare the way for Christ in your own community?

WITNESS: Joining Jesus in His mission

In response to what you learned about today, discuss and reflect on the following questions:

What is God challenging you in your heart about trusting God?

Based on what I learned today what are some ways that I will live differently?

How will I apply Luke 1:67-79 in my day-to-day life?

Take time to pray for each other that God would help us to focus on the true meaning of Christ's coming.