

Week 2 - Luke 1:5-80

Small Group Discussion Guide:

1. What is the ministry God gave to John the Baptist? Why do you think it was so important for the Messiah King of Israel to have a herald go before him to prepare the way of his coming?
2. What are the two different ways of responding to God's plan represented by Zechariah and Mary? Who do you more closely relate to?
3. What does Luke teach us about the role and work of the Holy Spirit in this chapter? Where was the Holy Spirit mentioned, and what was He doing?
4. In **Luke 1:42-45**, how does Elizabeth feel about being included in this great thing that God is doing? Is there any situation in your own life where you can relate to this?
5. What does Mary's poem reveal about the nature of the Kingdom of God? How did her poem encourage or convict you personally?
6. What did you make of Zechariah's prophecy? What do you think Luke wants us to understand from it? What are some questions you have about it?
7. John was given the task to prepare Israel for the first coming of Christ (1:17 and 1:76), but the Bible tells us that Jesus "will appear a second time... to save those who are eagerly waiting for him" (**Hebrews 9:28**). Who do you think is supposed to prepare the world for Jesus' second coming? What does it mean to be prepared for Christ's return?
8. What is your big take-away from this chapter of Luke?