



Beyond Sunday

Voices of Christmas — 11.30.24

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Gather

These questions help build connections with others as you share personal experiences.

- Do you like surprises? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a time when you were truly surprised, and how did you react in that moment?

Grow

These questions guide your group through scripture from Sunday's Sermon. Sharing observations to lead to greater understanding of scripture and God's work in our lives.

Read Luke 1 (Full Chapter)

1. What did you observe about how the different characters responded to the news of Jesus?
2. Looking again at verses 39-45:
 - How did Elizabeth know Mary was pregnant?
 - If you were in Elizabeth's place, how would you have responded to learning about this?
 - Have you ever been in a situation where you sensed something in your spirit?
How did you determine whether it was true?
 - Did that experience affect your faith?

3. Looking again at verses 5-25:

- What details do we learn about Elizabeth and Zechariah and why might these details be meaningful to the story and Zechariah's response?
- What do you think he is worried about or feeling at this moment?
- How was God revealing this family's place in God's big story?
- How do you see your personal story overlapping with God's big story?

4. Looking again at verses 57-80:

- What happened to Zechariah's voice and why do you think it was significant?
- How is this part of the story shaping God's?
- What do you notice about God in this story?
- What about the way God shows up in this story feels similar to how you are experiencing God in recent days?

5. What are the overarching themes of this story? What were the differences in the responses of Mary, Elizabeth and Zechariah? What can we learn from them?

Give / Go

These questions help us apply the sermon take-aways to how we will give back to God and go share what we've learned through application and life change.

Thinking over the scripture we reviewed in our discussion.

- What character do you most relate to?
- Where is God asking you to take the next step in trusting and following?
- What situation in your life can you apply this to this week?

Prayer

Read Psalm 145:1-4

- How can the group pray for you as you seek to respond to God with trust and praise?

Going Deeper

If you are interested exploring the themes of this week a bit deeper, check out one of these resources.

- [LUKE 1](#) - Narrated Video from the Bible Project
 - ◆ <https://bibleproject.com/videos/gospel-luke-1/>
- [LISTENING PRAYER](#) - Article from Renovare Institute
 - ◆ <https://renovare.org/articles/listening-prayer>
- [LISTENING TO GOD](#) - Podcast episode with John Mark Comer
 - ◆ <https://www.podbean.com/media/share/dir-6834x-1c27d64d>