

LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
January 14, 2017
Treasuring Christ: Promise KEEper

Text: Luke 1.5-25; 57-80

Looking into the Text:

1. What does it mean that there was 400 years of silence? What were the promises of God declared by Isaiah and Malachi in the OT pointing to (Read: Isaiah 40.3-5; Malachi 4.2)? What is Luke referring to about the "Sunrise visiting us" (1.78)?
2. Luke shares a dramatic story about God unfolding His promises. Describe the setting here in Luke 1 with Zacharias and Elizabeth (1.5-25). How do we see this couple's condition change? How do we see the OT promises unfold? How do we see the prayer of Zacharias for the redemption of Israel answered?
3. What will John's character and ministry be like (1.14-17)?
4. Does Zacharias believe Gabriel? What's the consequence of his unbelief (1.18-23)?
5. John is conceived and born (1.24-25, 57-66). What does Zacharias recognize about God's purpose for his son?

Looking Deeper:

1. What promises from the sermon did you most need to hear right now for your life (Deuteronomy 31.6; James 1.5; James 4.8; Isaiah 43.19; Romans 8.28)?
2. How has God promises carried you through something recently?
3. Look at 2 Peter 1.3-4? How do the promises of God become weapons for us in our daily battle to flee sin and live for the glory of God?

PRAY:

1. Pray for the group to grow in trusting the promises of God.
2. Pray that the group would have a heart for pointing people to Jesus like John will do with his life.

Do: Share with someone this week a promise of God that will bring encouragement, hope or peace to them. Within mind the promise of God changing lives through John and Jesus coming remember that God has called you to be an agent of change. You can do that simply this week by grabbing some food for our collections that our going on right now for our upcoming food packing day on Saturday January 27.