

Sermon Based Discussion Questions

The Plan of Salvation

Luke 1:67-80

December 16, 2018

1. Christmas is getting so close. What is the main thing you can “foretell” that you are looking forward to this Christmas season?
 - a. What does Hebrews 1:1; 1 Peter 1:20-21; and 2 Timothy 3:13-17 tell us about how God tells, or foretells us (i.e., how He communicates to us)?
2. Luke 1:68 is a foundational verse for the remainder of Luke 1. Here was the definition of “redemption” Jeremy gave, “the experience of being liberated from an oppressive situation.” Can you share a story of how you have experienced redemption based on that definition?
3. Jeremy mentioned that the Bible uses the word “horn” (Luke 1:69) to express power. Confirm this fact by reading Deut. 33:13-17 (esp. 17); 1 Sam. 2:10; 2 Sam. 22:3; Ps. 75:4, 5, 10; 132:3-18 (esp. 17); Ezek. 29:21. How have you experienced the horn (i.e., power) of the Lord’s salvation?
4. Jeremy said that God not only saves us from the haters but He saves us to serve Him (Luke 1:72-75). After reading Ephesians 2:8-10 discuss what you think is the application for your personal life laid out in v.10.
 - a. Luke 1:72-75 says that the Lord rescues us from the hand of our enemies, so we might serve Him without fear. Fear is a strong motivator. Is there anything you are afraid of that seems to stop you from serving the Lord? How do you serve the Lord in the face of fear?
5. Remember the pictures from Anchorage Alaska? Describe how the “haters” (remember the 4 different ones Jeremy mentioned (Satan, culture not aligned with the Lord, others, and ourselves) wreck the path for Jesus. John the Baptist was called to prepare the way for Jesus (Luke 1:76-79; cf. 3:1-6). We are called to do the same (Matthew 28:19-20). How can we do it? Or, do it better? (or, How do we address the corrupted roads that get in the way of the path to Jesus?)
6. At the end of Luke 1:79, it states that Jesus came to guide our feet into the way of peace. Rate your peace today (zero = zero peace *through* 10 = a perfect 10 peace). What are some peace killers? What kills peace in your life? How have you experienced Jesus giving you peace even when the “ice” of that which oppresses you is all around?

- a. Have you ever met a Christian who struggles to know peace in their lives? How do you comfort them? How do you minister to them and help them have peace?