

Sermon Discussion Questions

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Luke 1:5-25, 57-79

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1. Super Bowl Sunday! Any favorite commercials? Did you watch the game (why or why not)?
 - A little deeper “ice-breaker” — Reactions to the first survey results in the sermon. Given the results do you think we as a church are living the way the survey indicated? Discuss.
2. There are three things that the story of Zacharias and Elizabeth highlight that we can experience as servants of the Lord. Remind one another what they were from the outline.
 - When things in life don’t go well for us, how can we tell the difference between a trial we are facing (James 1:2-4) and the discipline of God (Hebrews 12:4-11)?
 - Agree or disagree with this statement, “It is not—obey then you will be blessed. Its—you are blessed therefore obey.” Talk it out a bit.
 - Read Ephesians 1:3-4 and discuss how you see this in your life.
 - Share a story or two of how you have known the gracious acts of God in your life (cf. James 1:17)
 - Can anyone share how God has tested their faith (again James 1:2-4)? And how did God use those trials to make you more complete?
3. What does it mean to “shine for Jesus”? How might these verses help us in understanding how we can shine for Him (Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Peter 2:12)?
 - What can we do as an HDG to shine for Jesus in our community?
 - If we are shining for Him what has been the fruit that we see from our actions?
4. What are some things you have to watch out for in your life that let you know you are starting to *not* walk with Jesus (cf. Hebrews 2:1)?
 - What is so good about your walking with Jesus?
 - Do you know your calling from God?
5. Luke 1:67 sounds like Zacharias was experiencing what Ephesians 5:18 tells us we must experience. How do we do that?
6. What did you think of the last poll that was taken during the sermon?
 - As servants of the Lord how are some of us in our HDG building bridges with those who are not close to the Lord?