



Community Group Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: Zechariah's Song

Passage: Luke 1:67-79 NIV

Intro -

1. How old were you when you started to wonder if Santa Claus was actually your parents? How did you feel and what happened when you came to this realization?
2. What do you know about the actual, historical Saint Nicholas?

Sermon Points -

1. God's Unsurprising Deliverance (Luke 1:67-75)

- a. When you read Zechariah's story in Luke 1, why do you think God made him mute? What did he do wrong?
- b. Have you ever been in a situation where you feel like God has been trying to teach you an important lesson?
 - i. What was the lesson?
 - ii. How did you learn it in the end?
 - iii. Are you thankful now that he taught it to you? Why or why not?
- c. Do you think Christian people struggle believing that God will keep his promises to them? What are some of those promises?
- d. What advice would you give a younger Christian who is feeling like they are waiting for God to come through for them? How and why should they keep believing?

2. God's Surprising Deliverance (Luke 1:76-79)

- a. Does it ever frustrate you when God doesn't answer your prayer? How do you handle it?
 - i. How do you handle it when he answers your prayer in a deeper way than you expected?
 - ii. Can you give examples of this happening in your life?
- b. It has been said, by Christians in ages past, that "all our problems are ultimately theological." What do you think that means? Is it true or not?



- c. Do you think that we pray to God more about the problems we immediately feel or the roots of those problems? Which of these does Paul pray for in Ephesians 1:16-19 and 3:14-19? Do Paul's prayers and what he prays about sound like ours? Why or why not?
- d. In what ways is our world in "darkness"? How does Jesus solve these problems you have listed?

Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

Benediction - 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 NIV

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."