

The First Song of Christmas

Luke 1:5-25, 57-79

Take-Home Truth: *God's provision came according to his own plan and timing.*

Christ-Connection: *John prepared the hearts of the people for the coming of the Messiah.*

Recap: *(Talk about last week)*

1. *Based on last week's discussion, how have you identified and moved away from spiritually dangerous settings in your life?*

Engage: *(Observe the passage and engage with the text)*

2. Read and discuss the unlikely unfolding of God's plan in Luke 1:5-25.

Reflect: *(Reflect upon the key take-aways from the sermon)*

3. Zechariah's response to God's word to him was to doubt. When are we most likely to respond to God with the same attitude? When might we be quick to respond in faith?

4. Zechariah's response in 57-66 was to be faithful, in spite of his silence. At what point did his mouth open? How did the people respond?

5. Looking again at 67-79, what blessings does Zechariah's song highlight?

Respond: *(Apply the truths of God's Word to your heart, affections, and actions)*

6. Read vs. 15. What is the instruction for us from this verse? What are the pleasures of the world we allow to distract us from the purposes of God?

7. While John announced that the light of the world is coming, how has the church been assigned to follow up his work? How involved are you in this great work?