

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Scripture: Luke 1:57-80



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Triune God blesses his humble servants by graciously including them as participants in His redemptive plan leading to their joy-filled praise and worship.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- How did God discipline Zechariah's unbelief? Discuss how God's gracious discipline strengthens our faith.
- What did circumcision signify for God's people? How did God reveal his faithfulness and mercy to Elizabeth, Zechariah, and his people Israel? How have you experienced God's faithfulness in your life?
- When did God release Zechariah's tongue, and what was his immediate response? What role does the Holy Spirit play in our lives? How did the community of faith respond to God's miraculous gift?
- What does "*redemption*" mean? What is the scope of God's plan of redemption?
- Discuss why "*covenant*" is essential to our understanding of God.
- What covenant does Zechariah reference in verse 69 (2 Samuel 7:12-16)? What covenant did God make with Abraham? How does Jesus fulfill God's covenant to Abraham and David while also providing a new and better covenant (Genes 17:6-8; Hebrews 6:13-17; Galatians 3:16)?
- What was John's role in God's plan of salvation (Verse 77)?
- Why is salvation necessary? What is God's motivation and purpose for granting us salvation through forgiveness in Christ Jesus (verses 75-79)? How does God's saving work change the trajectory of our lives (verses 74-75; Jeremiah 31:31-32; Ezekiel 36:26-27)?