

## The Heart of the Matter

12. Of the major characters in this account with whom do you identify the most? Zechariah? Elizabeth? John? Why?

13. When was the last time you doubted God? What was the cause of your doubt?

14. As you reflect on Zechariah and Elizabeth's life and their longing to be parents, have there been times where you felt you had been forgotten by God in the midst of your faithful obedience? How does this account encourage you?

15. How is John's mission a good model for what our mission should be in this world? How can you help prepare people for the Lord?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



## Life Group Study Guide

### The Promise of a Prophet Luke 1:5-25 For the Week of December 4, 2022

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Have you drawn up your last will and testament? What important facts did you include? Who would you choose to be the biographer of your life story?
3. What recent event took you totally by surprise? How did you respond? What did you end up doing?

### **Digging Deeper**

4. What can we learn about Luke in verses 1-4?

5. What stands out to you about Zechariah and Elizabeth in verses 5-7? What emotions might they have in light of their being childless?

6. What was the significance of the task for which Zechariah was chosen in verses 8-10? (1 Chronicles 23:13)

7. Since many priests are never chosen to go into the temple, what might Zechariah be thinking to himself about what he's been called to do? What about when the angel appears in verses 11-12?

8. List all the characteristics of the son that God is going to give to Zechariah and Elizabeth described in verses 13-17. Why is alcohol prohibited based on the child's future role? (Leviticus 10:9; Ephesians 5:18)

9. How would you describe the child's mission that God had given Him? How was this foretold in the Old Testament? How would the birth and life of this boy affect Zechariah and Elizabeth?

10. Why was Zechariah tempted to doubt what the angel had said? What were the ramifications for Zechariah's unbelief?

11. How did all the people react when Zechariah came out of the temple in verses 21-22? What was Elizabeth's response when she finally knew she was with child in verses 24-25?