

### The Heart of the Matter

12. Describe a time when you, like Zechariah, took a step of faith and began speaking the praises of God?

13. How was “the Lord’s hand” ultimately seen in John’s life? How about your life?

14. Of the promises listed in Zechariah’s song in verses 68-79, which ones mean the most to you?

15. How has God unfolded His plan of salvation in your life? Who helped prepare the way of Christ in your life?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



## Life Group Study Guide

### The Birth of a Prophet Luke 1:57-80 For the Week of December 18, 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. Did you have a nickname growing up? How did you get it?
3. How did you (or would you) celebrate the birth of your first child?

## **Digging Deeper**

4. How did John's birth fulfill the words of the angel in verses 13-17?

5. What was the controversy about the naming of the child all about? How was the child's name finally determined? What miraculous sign took place when Zechariah finally wrote the child's name on the tablet?

6. How did the neighbors and relatives respond to these events? How does all this begin to promote the Gospel?

7. In verses 67-80, what are the things that are taking place or will take place for which Zechariah praises God?

8. How does Zechariah's song in verses 68-79 compare to Mary's song in verses 46-55?

9. What does it mean that Zechariah was "filled with the Holy Spirit"? What was he able to do with this special infilling?

10. What, according to this song, is the purpose of our salvation? What has God ultimately saved us from?

11. How does Zechariah's song show God's unfolding plan from Old Testament days to the coming of the Messiah?