

Songs of Advent

current sermon series

Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 1:5-25, 57-80
2. What is Zechariah's Song about?
3. It is a song praising God for salvation! Do you ever praise God for salvation when you pray? What kinds of things do you thank God for when you do?
4. The first section of this song is in verses 67-73. Do you notice any themes that come out of these verses?
5. This section is all about history. It's all about God's promises to Israel in the past, to David and Abraham. They are coming true now in the Messiah. What were God's promises to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-2) and to David (2 Samuel 7:12-16)? How are they fulfilled in Jesus?
6. How long had Israel been waiting for the Messiah? Do you think they ever doubted God's faithfulness in that time? How does Zechariah represent Israel waiting for God?
7. Do you thank God for being faithful to His promises and plan? Is there anything you struggle to trust God and wait for?
8. Does remembering these truths help you trust God?
9. The next section is in verses 74-75. How do these verses relate to the ones before? What's the connection?
10. These verses are the reason God has fulfilled His plan in Jesus. What is that reason?
11. What does it mean to serve God without fear and in holiness and righteousness all our days? What makes that hard in your own life?
12. How does being thankful for God's salvation help you to do this?

13. The next section is in v 76-79. The subject shifts a bit. What is Zechariah talking about?
14. These verses are talking about his son, John. What was John going to do, according to verse 76?
15. According to verse 77-79, what message is he bringing to prepare the way?
16. Do you ever think about and praise God for the forgiveness of sin? His tender mercy? The way He has shone light into your life to guide you to peace with Him?
17. Do you ever think about how much other people need to hear this message? Do you pray for people who spread that message?
18. How does Luke 7:28 apply to you? Do you believe that through the Holy Spirit, you have the ability to be a great messenger of salvation? How have you been doing with sharing the gospel?
19. Let's pray, thanking God for His salvation and asking for boldness to proclaim it to others. Let's pray for one person from each of our lives that God has laid on our heart to share the gospel with.