



Sermon Discussion Guide

November 30, 2025

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: God's interruptions are opportunities to grow in faith.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. What was the best part of your Thanksgiving celebrations?
2. When you were growing up at home, what was your family's Christmas tradition around gift giving? (open them on Christmas eve, open them Christmas morning, everyone gives gifts to everyone or some other plan, did you have Christmas stockings, etc.)

Transition / Open in prayer

3. What have you heard about angels? You can share things you have heard others say, things you have read in stories, or things you have read in the Bible.

Life Examination:

READ Luke 1:5-25

4. From this story, what do we know about Zechariah? What do we know about Elizabeth?
5. What is most surprising thing about John, from the description the angel gives about him?
6. What do you think Zechariah's words in verse 18 reveal about him?
7. Why do you think God struck Zechariah with silence as a result of his response to the angel?

READ Luke 1:67-80

8. What is the outcome of Zechariah's forced silent reflection?
9. How did his son, John, prepare Israel for the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah?

Life Application:

10. If you were in Zechariah's place and an angel showed up in the Temple, what would you do?
11. Share a story about a time when God gave you clear direction that made an adjustment in your life.
12. What are some ways a person can figure out or discern if God is truly speaking to them and giving them direction?
13. As a group, make a list of all the ways that Jesus sets people free.
14. How are the themes of Zechariah's song (Luke 1:67-80) captured in the Christmas/Advent season?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask God to prepare each one of you fully for the Advent season.