

CHRIST MESS



Messy Questions

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Circle Time: What is your definition of a mess? For instance, what is the level of clutter that has to exist before you just feel like you need to cleanup?
 - How do you respond to a mess? Do you get upset? Does it not bother you? Why or why not?
 - How can messiness affect the relationships in your household?
 - Who is the best at cleaning in your house? Why or why not?
 - When someone uses the word "mess" as a description for their life. What are they saying?
- Read Luke 1:5-21
 - What is the mess in Zechariah and Elizabeth's life?
 - How do you think it has effected them in their community?
 - How do you think it has affected their relationship to each other?
 - Why do they believe they are cursed by not having any children?
- Why do you think that Zechariah can't believe the angel's answer to Zechariah's curse?
 - What if Zechariah and Elizabeth weren't actually cursed by not have a child, but were instead *blessed* by having a VERY important child! How might that have changed their opinion of their curse?
 - Why do you think that Zechariah's punishment was so harsh?
 - What are some ways that people believe they are cursed by God?
 - In these cases is it true that God has cursed them? Or is there another explanation for the *curse*?
 - Do you think God actually curses people? Why or why not?
- During Christmas season what are some of God's promises to the world that we are reminded of?
 - Does this sound like a God that wants to curse you? Or redeem you?
 - Another way to put it. Does it sound like God wants to be the author of curses in our lives or the giver of blessings in our lives?
- What are some ways that you are reminded of God's blessings this Christmas season?