

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of December 3rd

Sermon Titled: "Signs and Wonders: Watching and Waiting"

Open in Prayer. Read Luke 1:5-25.

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Mark shared that signs point to the glory of God: His presence, power, plan and purposes. How do signs do those things? Where do you see signs in the story of Zechariah?
2. The last time we see the angel Gabriel is in Daniel 9 where Gabriel comes to tell Daniel that his prayers are heard and the promised Savior is coming. Read Daniel 9:20-23 and reflect on the similarities with Luke 1:5-25. What do we learn about God's character?
3. God speaks to Israel after 400 years of silence to a priest whose name is Zechariah, which means "Yahweh has remembered." How does that stir worship? Encourage faithful waiting?

Application Questions

1. What does this passage teach us about prayer? How does this encourage you about God's care for your prayers, even seemingly unanswered ones?
2. When an angel appears in the Bible, man's response is awe of God's majesty and an awareness of his own sinfulness (c.f. Is. 6:1-5, Lk.1:12). When are times where God has caused you to know His greatness and your neediness?
3. What do we learn about true greatness from the prophecy about their promised son, John? How does this compare to our culture's view of greatness?

Prayer Focus: Pray for the discipline to slow down and reflect on the signs and wonders of this Advent season. Pray for those people and places who are groaning in expectation of Jesus' second Advent.