

Discussion Guide

Series: Advent: Light of the World, Wk3: Joy

December 14, 2025

Big Idea



Rejoice because God fulfills His promises, is full of tender mercy, and sent the Light, Christ, to overcome darkness!



Icebreaker

What is your favorite Christmas song & why?



Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 1:5-7. What kind of couple were Zechariah and Elizabeth? Despite this, what life struggle did they have? Why may this have been particularly challenging during the time they lived? Where in your life do you feel like you've been waiting a long time for God to move?
2. Read Luke 1:11-20. Despite the life struggle Zechariah and Elizabeth faced, in what ways did they continue to Pursue the Father (God)? Despite that, what was Zechariah's reaction to the angel's news & what was his "consequence" for such a reaction?
3. What do you think God was doing in Zechariah's silence? Describe a time when God used a "quiet" or difficult season in your life to help you see something more clearly?
4. Read Malachi 4. This is a passage wrought with both challenging and good news. Identify each. Re-read Malachi 4:5-6a (through "*to their parents*") & Luke 1:17. How do these passages result in us being able to declare: "*Rejoice because God fulfills His promises!*"? How does looking at fulfilled prophecy—like this from Malachi, or Isaiah (prior weeks of series)—help strengthen your faith?
5. Read Zechariah's Christmas Song, "Benedictus": Luke 1:68-79. Zechariah sings that salvation comes "*because of the tender mercy of our God.*" What is mercy & how have you personally experienced God's mercy? How does focusing on God's kindness change the way you understand salvation and your relationship with Him?
6. Re-read Luke 1:76-79. Zechariah describes Jesus as *the rising sun who shines on those in darkness and guides our feet into peace*. Where do you see areas of darkness—internally or externally—that you need the light of Christ to break into? What practices or habits might help you create space for Christ to shine more brightly in this season?



Concluding Question

Which promise of God is hardest for you to trust right now?



Prayer

Begin praying for all of our Campuses Christmas Eve Services...that those sensing a call to attend...would. Pray, also, that all would be edified and encouraged through their attendance helping them to celebrate the remembrance of Christ's birth with immense joy!