

Sermon Discussion Guide 12/2-12/8 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: Preparing for Christmas - Luke 1:5-17

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other.

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)

Movie Night: Holiday movies help to get us in the “Christmas spirit”. What’s your favorite Christmas movie or TV show that is a “must see” every year? Share a memorable quote if you can.

Discussion Questions: (30-45 mins)

1. Read the focus passage together - Luke 1:5-17. What are the 3 main points outlined for this passage from the sermon?
2. In the main part of the text, we get more insight into God’s nature & faithfulness. Explore the following & discuss together.
 - a. God listens to us (Luke 1:13-14)
 - b. God is miraculous (v7 & v13)
 - c. God is merciful/gracious (v17)
 - d. What kind of people (character/lifestyle etc) were Zechariah & Elizabeth? What examples of “Christian living” can we pull from them?
 - e. What actions or responsibilities fall on us based on the entire focal passage?
3. Explore the following verses together. What evidence or attributes of brokenness & fear do you see? What does God do or how does He move in these situations? What reassurances are given that God is with us?
 - a. Psalm 34:15-22, Ps 55:22, Ps 91:1-4, Ps 107:1-9, Ps 147:1-5
 - b. Isaiah 26:3-4
 - c. Jeremiah 29:11-14
 - d. John 14:16-17; 25-27, John 16:33
4. As we prepare for Christmas, let’s not get so wrapped up in the gifts & gatherings that we forget about our Savior. If He had not been born, we would not have healing for our brokenness, peace in our times of fear, or salvation and a direct relationship with God. Take a moment to think about the 3 points made during the sermon. Think about your experiences in life. How has God used brokenness in your life as a positive? How/when has God encouraged you in the midst of your fear? How has God reminded you that He is still here? Pick one of the points & share your experience with the group.

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.

