

Zechariah's Story Luke 1:5-25

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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- If you saw an angel, what do you think you would do?
- Read *Luke 1:5-25*. What can you learn about Zechariah and Elizabeth from Luke's telling of their story?
- Why would Zechariah be afraid when the angel appeared?
- What might Zechariah have feared even before the angel appeared to him? What fears might he have carried with him?
- What prayer of Zechariah's has been heard? How would God's answer compare to his expectations?
- What role will Zechariah, Elizabeth, and their son play in the Gospel story?
- What response is required of Zechariah? What happens?
- How would you have responded if you were Zechariah? What would you have felt, thought, and done?
- What is a fear you carry with you into the Lord's presence? What would you like God to do with your fear? What would it be like to hear, "Do not be afraid"?
- If an angel said to you, "Your prayer has been heard," what would that mean to you? What unanswered prayer do you need to continue praying? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

For Family Discussion: Ask: *What do you think you would do if you saw an angel?* Read *Luke 1:5-25*. Ask: *Why does the angel say, "Do not be afraid"?* *What promise does the angel give Zechariah? What happens when Zechariah wants reassurance? What is a prayer you're still waiting for God to answer?* Pray together again for this unanswered prayer.

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.