

Discussion Questions Date: December 13, 2020 / Scripture: <u>Luke 1:67-80</u>

- 1. Read <u>Luke 1:67-80</u>. What phrases are particularly striking?
- 2. Read Luke 1:5-24. What parts of this story resonate with you? How does this background on Zechariah and Elizabeth help us better appreciate the song that Zechariah sings?
- 3. What parts of the Christmas season have been particularly difficult for you this year? Why?
- 4. This song by Zechariah calls us to remember God's promises and goodness. Christmas is a time we do that in particular ways. What are some ways you and your friends or family remember God's promises during this season?
- 5. In the sermon, we heard that Zechariah was a man who knew dark personal and national days, but his experience of God's salvation moved him to sing about God and his Son. How does your experience of God's salvation move you to "sing" about God?

Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.

- 1. Discuss how personal and national darkness seemingly obscure the light of Christ in your life. What are some steps you might take to remember and see his light?
- 2. What tangible steps will you take to share the light of Christ to a dark and weary world in these next few weeks?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

- *Reflect* on these Scriptures:
 - <u>Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-14</u>
 - <u>Exodus 29:45-46</u>
 - <u>2 Samuel 7:4-17</u>
 - <u>Isaiah 9:1-7</u>
 - Malachi 3:1-5; 4:1-6
 - <u>Luke 1:67-80</u>

Listen to the Advent worship playlist on Spotify.

Reach out if you need assistance during this time:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

You can also find additional resources on our website: capitalpres.org