



## Sermon Questions

### *A Child is Born: John the Baptist*

Date: *December 19, 2021* | Scripture: *Luke 1:5-25, 57-66*

1. Look at 1:5-10 and describe the life and circumstances of Zechariah and Elizabeth.
2. Consider 1:11-12 and 1:18. How does Zechariah respond to the angel in this way? Why?
3. Gabriel's response in 1:20 makes it clear that Zechariah's reaction was rooted in unbelief. How does this contrast with his action in 1:62-64? What can we learn from this as we seek to follow and obey God?
4. Look again at 1:13-17, 1:24-25, and 1:59-63. What does faith look like in this story?
5. How could this understanding of faith and unbelief shape your life this week?

#### *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. Recognizing unbelief in our own hearts can be painful, and even humiliating—but it is so important to recognize, and we find deep wells of grace for our unbelief in Jesus. Are there areas where the Holy Spirit has prompted you, in the sermon or CG this week, to reconsider how you approach your circumstances and God's promises?
2. God doesn't cut Zechariah off for his failure. He gives him a story of restoration and redemption that is more powerful than uninterrupted progress. Has the Lord worked like this in your life, or the lives of people you know? How is he glorified in them?

#### **WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

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

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 39
- Psalm 86
- Daniel 3:8-18
- Matthew 11
- 2 Timothy 2:1-14
- Revelation 2

*Worship* using our Advent Devotional resource, in print or [online](#).

*Invite* friends who don't know Jesus to Christmas Eve, or to dinner at your home.

*Listen* to our Spotify playlist [A Child is Born: Advent 2021](#)

*Reach out* if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

You can also find additional resources on our website: [capitalpres.org](http://capitalpres.org)