



# SERMON NOTES

"The Songs of Christmas: ...and What They Teach us About God"  
Week Two: Zacharias' Song  
Luke 1:67-79

- Mary's song showed us what God is **LIKE**
- Zacharias' song shows us why we **NEED** God

## 1. The Message of Zacharias - God has **VISITED** us

- vs. 68-75
- Philippians 2:5-7

## 2. The Message of John - God has **VISITED** us to **REDEEM** us

- Redemption is the act of providing a payment to free someone
- Romans 3:9-12
- **SIN** is our greatest problem
- Philippians 2:8-11

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# LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of December 8, 2019

## MY STORY

Since we're talking about songs in this series, what are two of your favorite songs of all time?

What was the first concert you attended? Which was the best concert?

If you could have one person (that you've never met) knock on your door, who would you want it to be?

What's one thing from this week's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

## DIGGING DEEPER

Read John 1:1-3, 14. Talk about the implications of the incarnation and what difference it makes in our lives.

When Jesus "took on flesh," it gave us a real life look into what God is like. Read Philippians 2:5-7 and talk about what it looks like to obey these verses.

Read Galatians 2:19-20. What do these verses tell us about God being with us today? What are some things that we can do to help us remember this?

Have you ever talked to someone that believed that Jesus was a real person, but they did not believe that He was the Son of God? Tell us about the conversation.

The message of John was that God visited us to redeem us. If you had to explain this to someone that was unfamiliar with the Bible, how would you do it?

Sin is putting myself where God deserves to be. It is saying to God, "I don't want you. I don't need you. I won't listen to you. I will call the shots." What are some areas of your life that you find yourself struggling with these things?

What are some ways that sin can impair our judgment, lead us to blame others, or impact our closest relationships?

Read Luke 1:80. What are some ways that we can grow strong in spirit?

## TAKING IT HOME

Are there some things that you need to do to remind you that God is with you?

Do you have any struggles with sin that you would like for us to join you in praying about?

Is there anything you need to do as a result of what you've learned this week?