

# SONGS OF THE SEASON

## ZECHARIAH'S SONG

Luke 1:67-80

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Use these questions to dive deeper into the Sunday morning sermons during this Christmas season. Whether you use them in your personal time with the Lord, with your friends or family, or with your Community Group - think deeply about how to apply God's Word to your life. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/advent](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/advent).

### ICE-BREAKER

- What are some childhood Christmas memories that come back to you this time of year? If you could change anything about Christmases when you were a kid, what would you change? What would you keep the same?

### READ THE PASSAGE: LUKE 1:67-80

- In his message, **Pastor Paul encouraged those who doubt the Lord through this passage.**

### TAKE IT TO HEART: ZECHARIAH'S SONG

#### 1. The Stage (The Context of the Story)

- At the time this story takes place, there had been no word from the Lord for 400 years, since the Old Testament prophet, Malachi. Describe the way you might feel if God had been silent in your life since the year 1622.
- When was the last time it felt like God was absent, silent, or had forgotten about you? Where do you usually turn in those moments? How might Job 23:8-10 help give hope in these moments?

#### 2. The Singer (Luke 1:5-25)

- Zechariah was a faithful priest, serving on rotation in Jerusalem, chosen by God to offer incense in the temple. What can we learn from Zechariah about what to do while God seems silent?
- When Zechariah hears the news that his wife Elizabeth would bear a son, he doubts the news. What are some biblical promises that you have a hard time believing?
- Think and talk about the consequences you have experienced by doubting the Lord.

#### 3. The Song (Luke 1:67-80)

- After John is born, Zechariah is able to speak again, and his first words are worship to the Lord. Look through vss. 68-79 and highlight all the times Zechariah mentions a characteristic of God or an act that God has done.
- How can Zechariah's song bring comfort and encouragement when you are struggling with difficult emotions or experiences?

### CONCLUSION

- Respond to this statement by Pastor Paul, "It is often in the greatest of darkness that God is getting ready to flip on the lights."

### PRAY TOGETHER

- Pray that God would help you believe in His promises this season.

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