

Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Luke 1 straight through, as you would the first chapters of any book.

Discussion Questions:

1. What was Luke's stated purpose for writing his gospel and to whom did he address it?
2. Describe the character of Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth. What was the family situation they were in? (1:5-7)
3. An angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah and made some very clear statements. Have you ever, like Zechariah, responded in disbelief to a promise of God?

Has your confidence in the promises of God increased or decreased over time?

4. Contrast Mary's response to news given to her in 1:34 to Zechariah's response in 1:18.

Mary

Zechariah

5. What difficult circumstance are you facing? Identify one thing you can do to become more like Mary who trusted God to do the impossible.

6. List Mary's words of joy filled praise in her hymn that we call the "Magnificat." (1:46-55)

Note: the song is called the "Magnificat" because that is the first word in the Latin translation and it means "glorifies."

7. List some of your own words of joy filled praise for specific things that God has done for you. Your own "Magnificat" to God.

Key verse in Chapter 1 – verse 37.....ponder that truth this week and as we read further in the Gospel of Luke this year.

"For no word from God will ever fail" NIV version

"For nothing will be impossible with God" ESV version