

Discussion Guide
Series: Extraordinary wk1 Work
December 1, 2024



Big Idea

God is with us in our work.



Icebreaker

Do you have a favorite Christmas tree ornament? What is it and why is it your favorite?



Discussion Questions

1. Since this past Sunday kicked off the season of Advent, talk about what the intention of this season is for the Christian and why it is important? What were the descriptions of it from the sermon?
2. Read Luke 1:8-17. What was Zechariah's job (work)? Who met him there and what message/information did they have? What are some extraordinary aspects of this scene? Why do you think Zechariah was 'startled' and 'gripped with fear'? If you were Zechariah, how would you have reacted to the situation described here and why? What was the angel's response to how Zechariah responded and how can the response of the angel serve as an encouragement to you today?
3. Read Luke 1:18-25. We see Zechariah being skeptical here, why? Has there ever been a time when the Lord "spoke" something to you (including something He spoke to you through a sermon or the reading of the Bible) that resulted in skepticism from you? What did it entail? Did God make good on his promise to Zechariah & how did He do so? Do you have an example from your life to share where God made good on His promise to you? Is being reminded that God makes good on His promises an encouragement you need right now in this season of your life & why?
4. Can you relate to the idea that sometimes early on in our faith we are filled with such zeal & passion, only to see it fade? If so, how? Do you have any long-standing prayers or dreams you have dreamed or promises of God you have held onto that need to be reawakened? If so, what are they?
5. What is your response to the statement from the sermon that "*your workplace is baptized in the presence of the Church/God because you are there*" and why?
6. Thinking now about our "work" or how we spend our days, how could you, perhaps, participate more in what the Lord may be wanting to accomplish for His purposes through your work? What do you need to do in order to better anticipate His doing something extraordinary through it?
7. Read Luke 1:57-66. After the extraordinary movement of God in providing a child to Zechariah & Elizabeth, was their work done? What did they now need to engage in when it came to John and their community? In this season of your life and in the seasons to come, what do you feel is the role that the Lord still has for you to play in order to better allow His extraordinary plan to continue working out?



Concluding Question

Read Galatians 5:13-26. "*Where we are as Christian, the Church & God is.*" What aspect(s) of the fruit of the Spirit do you need to surrender to God asking Him for His help for you to better bear?



Prayer

Cover in prayer the Christmas Season initiatives that Revive Wesleyan is embarking upon to minister to people and show the love of Christ!