

Sermon Discussion Guide - 12.5.21 - Part 1

Scripture: *Leader's Note: Below are some of the scriptures Pastor Bobby used in this week's sermon. Consider sharing this list of scripture with your group in a follow-up email after your group meets as a recommendation for further study throughout the rest of the week. Attached is a simplified version of the discussion questions with the Scripture list that can be copy/pasted into an email.*

Main Scripture:

- Luke 1:57-66

Supporting Scripture:

- Luke 1:5-7, 11-13
- Ephesians 1:3-7

Discussion Questions:

Leader's Note: If your time is limited, or your discussions run long, focus on the bolded questions. In addition to the bolded questions, as time allows, use only the remaining questions that fit your group dynamic best.

- Have you ever wondered why you ended up in the family you're in? What's good about being in your family? What's hard about it?
- **Read Luke 1:5-7, 11-13, 57-66. What do you notice about the family described in this passage? Who is this family? Who engages with this family?**
- Do you think of your faith as an individual practice or a shared practice with family? Who do you consider family?
- **When you have needs or concerns do you pray over these things together with your family? When good things happen do you praise God together as a family? Why or why not?**
- Why would it be important for us to learn to trust and praise God together?
- **Read Ephesians 1:3-7. What does it mean to be adopted as children of God? Do you have cause to praise God's glorious grace?**
- Who knows about what God has done in your life? *Leaders note: consider having group members take a few minutes to make a list of how God has extended grace to them and their families.*
- **Why should we share these praiseworthy gifts rather than keep them to ourselves? How might knowing about your experiences of trusting God and receiving his grace and gifts impact your family?**
- What action is God calling you to take this week? How can your group be praying for you?

Closing Prayer:

- Ask God to show you what further action he is calling you to right now, and for the strength and courage to respond to his call.