

November 28

NEXT STEPS



The Wonder of Christmas: Elizabeth and Zechariah, Hope

This Sunday, we will begin our Advent Series: The Wonder of Christmas. Our first message focuses on the story of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. Why do you think God chose this particular time and place to give Zechariah the announcement? What does this tell you about God?
2. Why do you suppose Zechariah had such trouble believing Gabriel?
3. What is God communicating by making Zechariah mute?
4. How do you think you would react if God communicates that something physically impossible will happen in your life?
5. Verses 6-7 say that both were “righteous” and yet they were unable to have children and old. If they were righteous, why didn’t God reward them with children? Do you ever question God in this way? How does this passage help you to see that God and his purposes are good?
6. Many were gathered outside the temple praying with expectancy in a time when they desperately needed the Lord (v.10). When is the last time you prayed with expectancy, desperate for God to move in your life?
7. This weeks big idea is: “Hope asks the question “What if with God...?” Take time this week to reflect on the key questions that Pastor Bill shared in the message, and went out via email this week. What is God showing you during your prayer and reflection?