

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING

The Anticipation
Luke 1:16-17

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NOTES

1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min)
2. Read Luke 1:16-17.
3. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)

MY STORY | Vulnerability

If an angel were to appear to your mother while she was pregnant with you, what kind of prophetic statement would that heavenly messenger make about you?

DIGGING DEEPER | Practical Biblical Application

And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah ... (Luke 1:16-17a)

Why is it significant that thousands of the first believers in the early church were Jewish?

Why does the angel (who appeared to Zechariah) combine the ideas of *spirit* and *power* here? What is the relationship between these two things?

GROWING TOGETHER | Spiritual Friendship

To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.” (Luke 1:17b)

Why is it important that we focus our spiritual energy on the generation that will follow us? Which young people in our church are showing evidence of leadership gifts now?

Why does the angel focus on the wisdom of the just here? How does this particular type of wisdom prepare us for what God may have in mind for us?

MOVING OUTWARD | Faith in Action

Focus your efforts this week on identifying the spiritual gifts of a person who is at least 10 years younger than you, and encourage that young person to put his or her gifts into action—especially during this Christmas season.

Looking back at your notes from this week’s message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend’s message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?



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