

Home Group Discussion Questions

Sunday 3rd October

Passage: Luke 1:57-80

Ice breaker: Names (in this case: John!)

Take either your name or one of your children's names; say what it is and why you chose it.

Discussion Starter Questions:

1. John had godly parents (Zechariah and Elizabeth) who brought him up in the ways of God. **What do you think it is that makes a godly parent? Can you share some of your experiences –either from your own upbringing, or raising your own children - of how to raise children who love God? What has proved helpful or unhelpful?**
2. Zechariah had been under God's discipline for 9 months and yet we see his first words when his mouth is opened are full of praise and worship. **Have you ever experienced a time that, in retrospect, was God disciplining you? How do we react when we are disciplined by the Lord?**
3. Zechariah's prophecy begins with remembering the promises of God as they are now being fulfilled. The promises of God can be a great source of strength especially when we see them being fulfilled in our lives. **What are some of the promises of God that you hold dear in your own life and/or have seen God honour?**
4. John lived in the wilderness before he began his public ministry (v80). **Have you ever been through a wilderness time? In what ways can they be times of preparation and testing and why do you think God uses them?**
5. John's ministry was one of preparation for the coming of Jesus. **How can we – as a church and as individuals - help one another prepare, train and mentor for the future and the kind of work the Lord might give us to do?**

[as an example from a different perspective look at Titus 2:3]