

**SCC SMALL GROUPS**  
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**Christmas Reveals God's design**

**Getting Started:**

1. Describe a time when you had an inkling for what your “big Christmas gift” would be. What was it like to have to wait to open it?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What recent experience has led you to praise God? Was anyone around you at the time or was it just between you and God?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

**Luke 1:68-70**

Finally able to speak and filled with the Holy Spirit, Zechariah wasted no time praising God and prophesying about the coming Messiah.

1. What do you find significant about Zechariah's first words after his period of silence?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What does Zechariah's hymn foretell about Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How do these verses show God's unfolding plan from Old Testament days to the coming of the Messiah?

## **Luke 1:71-79**

4. What does Zechariah's hymn foretell about what Jesus would accomplish?
5. Of the promises listed in this hymn, which one means the most to you?

## **God wants to change us for the better**

In Luke 1:77 it says that the savior would tell His people how to find salvation through the forgiveness of their sins.

Read 1 John 1:9

*But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from every wrongdoing.*

6. What do these verses show you about God's love for you?
7. How have you experienced Jesus' life changing forgiveness for yourself?

## **Application of the Scriptures:**

1. What obstacles in your own life prevent you from offering praise to God?
2. Many people heard of God's faithfulness from Zechariah and Elizabeth's testimony. How have you seen God work recently?