## **SCC Small Group Discussion**

## The Senses of Christmas: Smell - Luke 1:8-17 & 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 Derived from a sermon on December 10, 2023 by Dr. Jeff Chandler

Getting Started:		
What are some smells that remind you of Christmas? How do they make you feel?		
Can you share when a particular smell triggered a strong memory or emotion?		
Searching the Scriptures:		
A. In Luke 1:8-17, what potential significance did the incense offering have in Zechariah's encounter with the angel?		
B. How do you think Zechariah and Elizabeth felt when they learned they would have a son in their old age?		
C. How does Zechariah & Elizabeth's story of persistent prayer inform your understanding of the importance of timing?		

D.	In 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, Paul uses the fragrance metaphor to describe Christians' influence. What does this metaphor mean to you?
E.	How can we spread the fragrance of Christ in our lives? Can you think of any examples of people who have done this well?
F.	How do our prayers affect the way we smell to God and others? How can we pray in a way that pleases God and blesses others?
<u>Ar</u>	oplication of Scripture:
A.	What are some impossible prayers that you have prayed or are praying for?
B.	What aroma will define you and your interactions with others during this Christmas season?