

SCC Small Group Discussion **Zechariah's Song – Luke 1:67-79**

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Getting Started:

When you think about your life and how God has walked with you, where are some critical junctures at which God showed himself to be faithful?

Searching the Scriptures: Luke 1:67-79

1. How does it make you feel to read about God remembering His covenant throughout numerous generations? What promises in his Word do you remember most often?

2. When you read the phrase, "live in darkness," what images does that bring up in your mind? How do you battle living in darkness daily?

3. Sometimes the magnificence of the events in Scripture can make us feel like those things could never happen today. How do you personally avoid that temptation?

The following questions are drawn from the readings of this week's devotional on the topic of peace:

Luke 2:14 - "*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.*"

4. How does the announcement of peace on earth to those on whom God's favor rests influence your understanding of the Christmas message?

Philippians 4:7- "*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*"

5. In what ways have you experienced the peace of God that transcends all understanding, and how has it guarded your heart and mind?

John 14:27 - *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*

6. How does Jesus' promise of peace differ from the peace the world offers, and how can you apply this divine peace in your daily life?

Isaiah 26:3 - *"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."*

7. What practices help you keep your mind steadfast and trust in God

John 16:33 - *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

8. How does Jesus' assurance of overcoming the world provide you with courage in the face of life's troubles?

Psalms 29:11 - *"The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace."*

9. How does recognizing the Lord as the source of strength impact your response to challenging situations?

Applying the Scriptures:

Based on these verses and promises, write about how you have peace in this season of your life.