

Potential Discussion Questions

Message 2019-12-1, Rock My World, pt 1 (Lu 1:5-25)

1. Reflect on your life and identify some times when your world got rocked. Talk about the short and long-term impact of those events. Were they sudden or a slow creep?
2. In retrospect, were any of your world-rocking situations ones where you were waiting for God to act for His purposes? Did you see that at the time? How does seeing God's hand change your perspective and acceptance of a rocked world?
3. Try to put yourself in Zecharias's sandals. What thoughts and emotions do you think you would have felt? How does Luke describe Zecharias's emotions and responses?
4. Luke says little in verses 5-25 about how Elizabeth responded. How do you think she would have felt? What clues does Luke provide? (Read through the rest of the chapter focusing on the parts that deal with Elizabeth for added insight.) How would you describe Elizabeth's rocked world?
5. What are some other supernatural pregnancies that were part of the fulfillment of God's Messianic promise? What do you make of this barren to blessed motif? How has God uniquely worked in your rocked world experiences?
6. Even though Z's muteness seems to be a consequence of his lack of belief, how does it serve as an exclamation point in this account? (again, read through vs 57-80)
7. What does this passage teach you about responding to a rocking of your world?
8. How do you practically cultivate an expectancy of the return of Christ?
9. What is one way that you will cultivate a spirit of expectation in your Advent celebration?
10. What else stands out to you in this passage that you would like to explore further?
11. Share a specific prayer request catalyzed by this study and then pray for these together.