

Water of Life Community Church
THE WONDER OF GOD
WEEK 1
LUKE 1-2

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

The Gospel of Luke begins with an angel promising the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. As we study, we'll see a common theme develop—God's use of the unexpected to bring Jesus into the world. Scripture from Genesis to Revelation shows that God often works in unexpected ways, just as He does in our lives today.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ LUKE 1:5-25.

- a. What characteristics of Zechariah and Elizabeth made them good candidates for a special gift from God?
- b. Why do you think Luke describes the circumstances surrounding John the Baptist's birth before those of Jesus?

2. READ LUKE 1:26-38.

- a. What does the angel tell Mary about her relationship with God?
- b. What do we learn about the Messiah, the promised child, from the angel's comments to Mary in verses 31-33?
- c. Why do you think it was important for Luke to set up a comparison between Jesus and John the Baptist? How does that comparison affect the way you think about Jesus?
- d. As great a guy as John the Baptist was, Scripture says he was not worthy to untie Jesus' sandals. How does that impact your understanding of who Jesus was and is?

e. Though Mary felt her role in Jesus' story was out of the blue, we know it was God's plan all along. How does knowing that change the way you think about those people or situations in your life which seem to have just dropped in out of nowhere?

3. READ LUKE 1:39–2:21.

a. Knowing Jesus' ministry was for the world, how does that change your perception of people around the globe?

4. READ LUKE 2:22-38.

a. How would you describe Simeon? What was Simeon waiting for?

b. What is the relationship between Simeon's righteousness and devotion and his recognition of the Savior?

c. What does it mean that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles"?

d. How is Jesus still the cause of the rising and falling of people today? Why are some people threatened by Jesus?

e. How does Luke describe Anna? How was she anticipating the Messiah?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

In this week's message, Pastor said that we should live in the promises of God, "believing and seeing them come to pass and then praising Him for His faithfulness." What would it look like for you to live in the promises of Jesus the Messiah this week?

Pastor also made this point of application: "God speaks to people who want His way, are humble enough to listen, wise enough to believe it, and who act on it." In what situation does that truth speak to you personally? How?

In Luke 2:41-52 we learn that Jesus "must" do His Father's work. What does this teach you about Jesus? About yourself?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Where have you seen the power of God move in your life?

RESPOND

- Take this week to slow down and get quiet before God. Take a few minutes in silence to listen to his voice.

Also ... Subscribe to our e-devotionals by texting "eDevotional" to 67076; or go to wolgroups.com and click on the eDevotional button for daily testimonies relating to this week's theme.

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 2:30-32, New International Version (NIV)

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

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