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Luke 1:1-25 – Are You Prepared? Discussion Questions

Pray for God’s help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you’ll see. Then read through verses Luke 1:1-25.

1. In verses 1-4, Luke introduces his gospel. Why is he writing?
2. From verses 1-4, what factors give credibility to Luke’s writing?
3. Describe why the promise of the angel is good news for:
(a) Zechariah and Elizabeth (see v7, v13, v25)
(b) The nation of Israel (see v16, v17)
4. Luke set out in v1 to give an account of “the things that have been fulfilled among us”. Look back to Malachi 4:5-6. Given the location of those verses in the Scriptures, why do you think Luke opens his gospel with this account?
5. Looking at verses 18-20, why is Zechariah’s response to the angel a bad one?
6. Reading a little between the lines, why do you think Luke chooses to present Theophilus with the response of Zechariah?



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7. Do you sympathise with Zechariah? What does his example teach us about God's promises and how we respond to them?
8. Look ahead to 3:1-6. How is what we see here a fulfilment of the angel's promise in chapter 1?
9. John's ministry was "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (1:17)? In what way does his ministry continue today? And what would it mean for us to be "a people prepared for the Lord"?

Pray

- Thank God that we can trust his promises to be fulfilled, even after long periods.
- Confess the weakness of your trust in God and his words.
- Pray that he might help you to respond to his promises with great expectations that they will be fulfilled.

A prayer you might like to use:

Heavenly Father, Thank you that I can always trust your promises to be fulfilled. Forgive me that my faith is often weak. Strengthen me to believe your promises. And encourage me this Christmas to look back to Jesus' first coming and also forward to his second coming. Through repentance and the forgiveness of sins, make me ready for that day, along with many of those I know and love. In Jesus' name, Amen.