

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Breaking the Silence

September 4, 2016

Luke 1:57-80

- 1.) How does mute (and probably deaf) Zechariah serve as a microcosm of the people of Israel in this passage?
- 2.) Can you remember a time in your life when you felt God seemed silent? What were the circumstances, and how did that make you feel?
- 3.) Zechariah recounts God's gracious covenant dealings with his people in the Old Testament. Which of God's promises to his people do you need to remember is a promise given to you and made sure to you in the person and work of Jesus?
- 4.) Which of the following phrases most encourages your heart, and what situation in your life does it speak into: "tender mercy" (v78), "forgiveness of sins" (v77), "light to those who sit in darkness" (v79), "guide our feet into the way of peace" (v79)?
- 5.) Can God still speak personally into our lives? What is our reliable guide for knowing if we are truly hearing his voice?
- 6.) Look back through Luke 1. Do you see the anticipation and excitement building as one character after another rejoices in the glory of what God is doing? How does that encourage your heart about the significance of Jesus' incarnation?



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