

Once Again God Speaks

Series: *The Gospel of Luke*

Luke 1:1-25

November 4th, 2018

Why did Luke write this?

Luke 1:1-4

Looking at Zechariah...

1) Who was Zechariah's wife?

Luke 1:5-7

2) What was Zechariah's ministry?

Luke 1:8-10

3) How did Zechariah react to the angel?

Luke 1:11-12; Isaiah 6:5

Who will John the Baptist be?

Luke 1:13-25; Numbers 6:3-5; Malachi 3:1; Malachi 4:5-6; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Ephesians 6:1-3;
Numbers 6:24-26; Genesis 3:15; Job 41:10

1) He will be the forerunner

2) He will be great in the eyes of God

3) He will be a connection between the Old and New Testaments

4) He will be a Nazerite

5) He will be the 'symbol'

6) He will be a priest

Growth Group Questions

For the week of November 4th, 2018

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MY STORY

1. What is a recent surprise that your family has experienced: A job promotion? A new addition to the family? Your child got all "A's"? You got into this small group?

2. Are you a person who likes to be prepared? If so, how would you prepare for the following: a) A job interview; b) A confrontation with someone who is upset with you; c) An algebra test; d) A half-marathon

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Isaiah 6:5 says, ⁵"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." What does it mean to "fear the Lord"? Read the following verses making observations and underlining key phrases.

Exodus 33:20

²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

Jeremiah 10:10

¹⁰ But the LORD is the true God;
he is the living God, the eternal King.
When he is angry, the earth trembles;
the nations cannot endure his wrath.

Luke 5:8

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

We talk often during worship of "being in God's presence." When you know you're in God's presence, how do you feel? (a) Overwhelmed; (b) Like a worm; (c) I don't give it much thought; (d) Privileged.

In what ways does our 'fear of God' impact how we view our own sinfulness?

2. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. How are we to teach our children? Read and underline phrases...

Deuteronomy 4:9-10

⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. ¹⁰ Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children."

Ephesians 6:4

⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Colossians 3:16

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

How are you currently teaching your children/grandchildren the commands of God? (a) Family devotions; (b) My godly example; (c) Talking about God's Word as we go through life; (d) Listening to worship music in the car; (e) I'm not.

What one thing would you like to start doing this week so you can do a better job teaching your children/grandchildren the commands of God?

3. Numbers 6:24-26 says, ²⁴ The LORD bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.' What is real peace? Read and underline phrases...

Isaiah 26:3, 12

³ You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.

¹² LORD, you establish peace for us;
all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

John 14:27

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.

Philippians 4:7

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Is there anything more God needs to do to help you live a life of peace?

Sometimes life is hectic. Finish this phrase: "If I could change one thing about my life right now to make my life less hectic, it would be..."

4. Genesis 3:15 says, *"And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."* What did Jesus come to do? Read and underline phrases...

Romans 16:20

²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Hebrews 2:14

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil.

1 John 3:8

⁸ The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

So if the devil is already a defeated foe, why does it seem like he's winning?

What have you found to be the best way to resist temptation?

TAKING IT HOME

Based on this week's sermon and homework, what is the most important thing for you to remember and why?