

# ~~Impossible~~ Christmas

## Week 1- Zechariah's Story Luke 1:5-23; 57-80

Check out one of these helpful resources:

**Christmas** – RightNow Media: <https://bit.ly/3IQKhbm>

**Emmanuel** – RightNow Media: <https://bit.ly/4f0dky0>

**Hidden Christmas:** The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ – Timothy Keller:  
<https://bit.ly/3Vo3yOW>

*Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!*

### **KNOW** (Build Relationships)

- Share about a time when you had to wait for something important. How did you handle the waiting period?
- When was the last time you felt God was silent in your life? How did you maintain your faith during that time?
- Have you ever experienced something that seemed impossible become possible? What impact did that have on your beliefs?
- Like Zechariah and Elizabeth, have you ever faced disappointment in life while trying to remain faithful? What helped you persevere?
- How do you typically respond when God's answer to your prayers is different from what you expected?
- Describe a moment when your doubt or skepticism prevented you from seeing God's work in your life.
- Share about a time when God's timing proved better than your own desired timeline.



## GROW: (Grow Spiritually)

- **(verses 5-7):** Looking at Zechariah and Elizabeth's description as "righteous" and "blameless," yet childless, how does this challenge common prosperity gospel beliefs? Compare this with other biblical figures like Hannah (1 Samuel 1) and Rachel (Genesis 30).
- **(verses 8-12):** What significance do you see in God choosing to appear to Zechariah during his priestly service?
- **(verses 13-17):** How does the angel's message about John's future ministry connect to the prophecy in Malachi 4:5-6? What does this tell us about God's long-term planning?
- **(verses 18-20):** Compare Zechariah's response to the angel with Mary's in Luke 1:34-38. What different aspects of faith do these responses reveal?
- **(verses 21-23):** How might Zechariah's imposed silence have served as a sign?
- **(verses 57-66):** What role does the community play in this story? How does their witness of these events strengthen the testimony?
- **(verses 67-75):** Analyze Zechariah's prophecy. How does it connect God's covenant with Abraham to the coming Messiah?
- **(verses 76-77):** What specific role is prophesied for John? How does this align with Jesus' later description of John in Matthew 11:7-15?
- **(verses 78-79):** How does Zechariah's song describe God's character? Compare this with other biblical descriptions of God's mercy.
- **(verse 80):** What can we learn about spiritual preparation from John's development in the wilderness? Consider similar biblical patterns with Moses, David, and Jesus.



## SHOW: (Live on Mission)

- What area of your life needs to shift from questioning God to trusting His will?
- How can you create space in your family life to recognize and celebrate God's faithfulness, even in waiting periods?
- Like Zechariah's community witnessed God's work, how can you share your testimony of God's faithfulness with others this week?
- How will you adjust your prayer life based on Zechariah's experience? What specific practices can you implement?
- What "impossible" situation in your life needs to be surrendered to God's possibilities? How can the group pray for you in this?
- How can you serve others who are in waiting seasons or facing seemingly impossible situations?