

The River Church  
50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Luke 1

Memory Verse: Luke 1:35 (NASB) "The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; for that reason also the holy Child will be called the Son of God.""

**Verse 1-4**

Luke knew the importance of first hand knowledge of Christ. How can we apply this with our own testimony today?

How does sharing our testimony differ from Luke providing the "exact truth" of Christ (v4)?

How do we pair our testimony with the Word of God to share about Jesus with others? (Is our testimony the primary message or the method?)

**Verse 5-25**

What is the significance of Elizabeth's barrenness in verse 7?

Where else has God used barren wombs in the Bible?

What does the incense in verse 9 signify?

Why did the angel appear while Zechariah was performing priestly duties? Is it even important that the angel appeared in the temple?

What does Zechariah's response to the Angel teach us about? Was the muteness punishment for unbelief or a sign to accompany the word from Gabriel?

**Verse 26-45**

What similarities are there in the story of John's parents and Jesus' parents?

How does Gabriel's response to Mary's question in verse 34 differ from his response to Zechariah in verse 17?

What does the difference between these responses teach us about signs from God?

**Verse 46-56**

Was Mary's praise in response to Gabriel's word to her or Elizabeth/John's confirmation?

Do we seek words from heaven today or do we seek confirmation? What is the difference?

How does our mindset change when we receive a Word from God?

What happens when the word is confirmed?

**Verse 57-66**

Was the muteness of Zechariah a sign for his household or for all of the nation?

When the muteness left Zechariah what was his response?

Was He worshiping because he was physically able to or was he worshiping because of the confirmation? What is the difference?

**Verse 67-79**

What is Zechariah praising God for in this psalm?

How did both Zechariah and Mary's understanding of the circumstances change *after* the confirmation?

Can we learn to praise *before* confirmation? What does that look like?

Is there a difference between Faith in the Lord and trusting the Lord in this context?