

Christmas Questions

An Insecure Question

Message 1

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2. Realize the necessity of _____.
(Luke 1:11-18. C/R: Numbers 6:1-3; Malachi 4:5-6;
2 Corinthians 5:7)

► Outline

Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure this will happen? ..."

Luke 1:18 (NLT)

Overcoming insecurities about God...

(Luke 1:5-25,57-66)

1. Remember the _____ of God.

(Luke 1:5-17. C/R: John 9:3; Romans 8:31-39;

2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

3. Receive the _____ of trusting God.

(Luke 1:19-25,57-66. C/R: Genesis 17:12-14;

Hebrews 11:6; 12:5-11)

Answers: 1. reality 2. faith 3. benefits

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to discover more about God and develop a deeper relationship with Him. To get connected in a Small Group, visit brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time when someone asked you to do something that was difficult or scary, but that you knew would also be good. What was your initial reaction to the request?

Opening in Prayer

Spend several minutes in silence with God. Ask Him to guide your heart and mind as you study and reflect.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Luke 1:1-25](#).

1. Vs. 1-4 form a prologue to the Gospel of Luke. What does this introduction tell us about Luke's purposes and methods?
2. Why do you think Luke included details about Herod?
3. Describe Zechariah and Elizabeth. Who are they and what was their life like before the angel visited?
4. What is Luke seeking to emphasize through the details he chooses to tell of Hezekiah and Elizabeth's story?
5. How does this opening section of Luke prepare us for the story of the birth of Jesus?
6. Describe a recent time you sensed God was speaking to you or leading you. How did you know it was God?
7. Have you ever been unsure (or doubted) that God would come through for you? What was that like?

8. Being blessed by God is a common theme in the Bible (for examples, see [Genesis 1:26-28](#); [9:1-3](#); [25:7-11](#); [Deuteronomy 2:1-7](#); [Psalm 115:9-18](#); [Luke 1:39-45](#); [1 Peter 4:12-14](#)). What blessings (or benefits) do we receive when we trust God?
9. When God doesn't give us what we want (or what we think we need), how can those times draw us closer to God rather than push us away?
10. If someone said to you *I can't possibly believe in God, just look at all the tragedy in the world...* how would you respond?

Living a life of faith doesn't mean knowing where you are being led - but it does mean loving and knowing the One who is leading.

Oswald Chambers

Soul Training

Listen to a worship song. Focus on the words and spend time thinking about how big and how great God is.

Memory Verse

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

[Hebrews 11:6 \(NIV\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Hebrews 11:1-6](#)

Day 4: [1 John 5:6-12](#)

Day 2: [1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Day 5: [2 Kings 18:1-8](#)

Day 3: [2 Samuel 7:22-29](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, December 8, we'll continue the series *Christmas Questions*. To prepare for the message, read [Luke 1:26-38](#).



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