

The Song of Zechariah

A GOD WHO CAN BE TRUSTED

- I. **Question #1 → Why do we struggle to believe that God can and will do big things?**
- II. **Answer from the birth story → The rut of everyday life tends to limit our scope of God's power and will diminish our willingness to risk.**
- III. **Question #2 → What does God do to get us out of the rut of doubt that we're in?**
- IV. **Answer from the birth story → God intervenes in unexpected ways to get our attention.**
- V. **Question #3 → What perspective does God wish to give us so that we might believe Him?**
- VI. **Answer from the birth story → God wants to give us a whole story perspective.**

Study Questions for December 27

1. Read Luke 2:1-38.
2. How does Jesus' birth and circumcision compare to John the Baptist's? How is Jesus shown to be greater?
3. Why do you think Luke highlights the attendance of angels and shepherds to the birth?
4. Where do the angels and shepherds go after playing their part at the birth? Who does that leave at the scene?
5. What does Simeon see when he holds the child? How much do you think he knew about God's plan prior to this most recent revelation based on the Old Testament scriptures (esp. Isaiah 7, 9, 42:1-7; 49:1-8; 52:12-53:12)?