

DISCUSSION GUIDE
NOVEMBER 25 & 26

ANGELS

HEARING GOD THIS CHRISTMAS

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Angels—To Zechariah

LUKE 1:5-23 | WEEK 1

Opening Questions

1. Describe when you waited for a long time and something very good finally happened?
2. When were you surprised by something joyful and good and doubted if it was real. Explain.

In the Word

1. Read [Luke 1:5-23](#).
2. As you read through these verses, make a list of the unlikely things that took place here; how did God orchestrate these events behind the scene?
3. In [verses 13-17](#), what specific things does the angel communicate? What could have been confusing to Zechariah? What would have given Zechariah hope and joy?
4. What reason does Zechariah give for his unbelief?
5. In [verses 19-20](#), Gabriel places a temporary punishment on Zechariah. Why would God have chosen this punishment? What benefits could it have had?
6. In [verses 21-25](#), how do Zechariah and Elizabeth demonstrate trust and obedience, faith and joy?

Making It Personal

1. What good things may God want to bring into your life or your family this Christmas that you might not recognize, at first, as good or from God?
2. For what does God want you to continue trusting Him? Be specific and consider a struggle you cannot solve on your own.
3. Do you tend to doubt or believe God can do the impossible? How can you grow in your faith and trust in God?
4. Consider who you can invite and bring to Pathway Church this Christmas Eve. Begin praying for them this week.

Continued Learning

1. Consider God's timing and patience compared to our own. Israel, Zechariah, and Elizabeth had waited years to hear from God. Look at [Luke 1:57-66](#); also look at the beginning of [Luke 3](#). How did John's birth fulfill God's promises to one family and a whole nation?

Additional Notes