

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,  
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

## Who Will You Become?

LUKE 1:57-66 | MARCH 2 & 3, 2013

Today we join Zechariah and Elizabeth's community gathering on the eighth day for a special ceremony. On the eighth day a newborn boy receives his name and begins becoming who his parents and God envisioned. Through our reading, we are there the day that John the Baptist receives his name and is forever marked as "Jehovah's gift" or is reminding others that "God is gracious."



Watch this week's summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

## WITH THE GROUP



### LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Who did you list as the greatest person other than Christ? Why? Do you want to be great? In what way?



### LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Pastor Mike's sermon briefly rehearsed the background of the Bible, tracking from Creation to Zechariah. Are you able to name the major sections?

Later, Luke will quote Jesus stating, "among those born of women, none is greater than John." (Luke 7:28) What were the three reasons Mike said John was great? Would you add any others?



### LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

Take some extended time reading and discussing Luke 1:64 together. How do you think Zechariah felt at that moment? What do you think others were thinking?



### LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

What are some steps you can take this week to lean into the three things John did right?

## ON YOUR OWN



### PRACTICE

Schedule an extended time "unplugged" this week. As much as you can, isolate yourself, remove devices or distractions and try to spend the time with just a Bible, a notebook, a pen and prayer.



### PRAYER

Dear God, thank you that you give us examples like John the Baptist and thank you that you give us second chances like you did for Zechariah. Help me to be bold like John and help me to engage my heart in praise like Zechariah.

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