

**The Birth of John the Baptist**  
**Luke 1:56-80, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- 1.) V:59 Circumcision was the sign of entering into \_\_\_\_\_ with God's OT covenant. What circumcision was to the Jew; \_\_\_\_\_ is to the Christian today.
- 2.) "John" means "Jehovah is a gracious \_\_\_\_\_."
- 3.) V:67 The prophetic voice of the Lord had been silent for 400 years. Now, God spoke through Gabriel (Luke 1:13, 1:28), through Elizabeth (Luke 1:41-42), through Mary (Luke 1:46-55), and now through Zacharias. When God broke His 400 years of silence, it was all connected to the theme of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4.) What is the purpose of God's deliverance? His purpose is the same in every occurrence – V:74-75 That we might \_\_\_\_\_. (Eph 2:8-10; Titus 2:14...)
- 5.) Jesus came to solve man's greatest problem! It isn't poverty... racism... unemployment... equal rights... global warming... If these ARE problems, it is only because they are the result of man's greatest problem... \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Growth Group Discussion Questions**

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) What are some of the misconceptions you've had about John the Baptist in the past?
- 2.) What is the closest thing you've ever heard to a prophetic proclamation? Have you ever heard a modern-day prophetic statement? Tell us about it.
- 3.) Read Sunday's text: Luke 1:56-80. What are some of the most striking things that stand out to you about this story? What are some of the most important biblical truths found in this text that you personally need to remember, embrace and practice? Please explain.
- 4.) Look up and discuss the following verses and explore how they apply to Sunday's text: Compare Luke 1:69 with 2Sam 7:26; Psalm 18:2; 89:3,20; 132:17; Ezekiel 34:23-24; 37:24-25 and Isaiah 11:10. Compare Luke 1:74-75 with Ephesians 2:8-10 and Titus 2:14. Compare Luke 1:76 with Isaiah 40:3, Malachi 3:1, Mark 1:2-3, and Luke 7:27. Compare Luke 1:77 with Isaiah 59:1-2 & 53:5-6.
- 5.) Do you have any questions or comments about today's text? Discuss.
- 6.) Take some time to take prayer requests and pray for one another.