



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

DECEMBER 15, 2024

Sermon Discussion Questions | Luke 1:57-80

In the sermon there were five major themes presented from this passage. Here is a question on each theme. Focus on one or more of them in discussion.

SUPERNATURAL – Luke 1 is full of references to God breaking into our world to accomplish his purposes and plans (angels, predictions, miracles, the Holy Spirit). This cuts across the dominant narrative in our culture that views the world as a closed space where individuals are in charge of their own destiny.

How do you respond to the idea that God is very involved in our world, accomplishing His purposes?

PRAYER – What are topics, issues or concerns that you have stopped praying for, or that you have (consciously or unconsciously) not prayed for? And what difference might it make to keep on asking, seeking and knocking (Luke 11:9-10)?

LEARNING – Educators report that most people become stuck in their perspectives and viewpoints by their late 30's-early 40's. Zachariah is an example of an older person, set in his ways, who learns and grows through pain (being deaf and dumb for a season). Contrast the Mary's willingness to obey God with Zachariah's unwillingness. Share how going through difficulty has opened you to learn new things or adjust your perspective.

PROMISES FULFILLED – Talk about the promises given to Noah, Abraham, David and others in the Old Testament (see vs. 69-73). What do you think it was like for believer to have those promises unfulfilled for centuries? What promises in the Bible have you seen fulfilled? What are you anticipating?

SALVATION – God has brought salvation through Jesus the Messiah (see vs. 69-79)! Have one or two people share how they came to faith. Verses 74b-75 say salvation leads to service without fear. Another passage that states this is Philippians 2:12-13. How, in the places you live and work, and the people you are with, are you called to serve God in holiness and righteousness?