2020 Christmas (I)

**YOUR PRAYER HAS BEEN HEARD**

Luke 1:5-25

Key Verse: 1:13

1. Read verse 5-7. Who were Zechariah and Elizabeth? What characteristics did Zechariah and Elizabeth have in common? How well did Zechariah and Elizabeth handle the frustration of childlessness? (6,13,25)
2. Read verses 8-13. For what duty was Zechariah chosen by lot? (8-10; Lev. 6:12-13) What experience gripped Zechariah with fear? (11-12; Lev. 10:1-2) What was the angel’s message to Zechariah? (13)
3. Read verses 14-17. What instructions did Gabriel give Zechariah about his and his wife’s role as parents? (14-16) How did Gabriel describe the main purpose of John’s life? (16-17)
4. Read verses 18-22. Why was Zechariah rendered unable to speak until the day of the prophecy‘s fulfillment? (18-20) When have you doubted the reality of God’s wonderful provision for you?
5. Read verses 23-25. How did God demonstrate in the lives of Zechariah and Elizabeth that He is sovereign? (23-24) How did Elizabeth react to Zechariah’s news? (25)
6. What can you learn from Zechariah and Elizabeth that would help us handle long-term disappointments? How can you strengthen your realization that God is in control of the events of your life?