



## HOME GROUP QUESTIONS FROM SERMON 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Sermon – AMAZING SALVATION - Zechariah's prophecy - Luke 1: 67-79 Personal/Group Study and Reflection

#### Luke 1: 67-79 (English Standard Version)

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup> “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people

<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,

<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;

<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

<sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,

<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,

<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us<sup>[a]</sup> from on high

<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

These questions relate to the morning sermon (8.30 10.30 and 12.00 services) on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (available on the church website). **Feel free to pick and choose questions as appropriate for your group – they are there to facilitate good discussion / reflection.**

#### AMAZING SALVATION

Zechariah's prophecy - Luke 1 : 67-79

Icebreaker: Which bit of Christmas do you most enjoy?

#### 1. IN CHRIST:

##### 1.1 GOD HAS SPOKEN (v69-70)

“...[God] has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old...”

Question 1: How has God spoken to you recently?

### **1.2 GOD HAS VISITED (v68)**

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people”

Question 2: How do you feel about the concept of God visiting you?

### **1.3 GOD HAS SHOWN MERCY (v72)**

“...to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant...”

Question 3: Christ came to show mercy. How does that affect you?

## **2. IN CHRIST, WE MUST:**

### **2.1 SERVE HIM (v74-75)**

“...that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days...”

Question 4: How does serving remove fear?

Question 5: How is holiness and righteousness linked to service?

### **2.2 GO BEFORE HIM (v76)**

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways...”

Question 6: What does it mean in practical terms to “go before” the Lord?

### **2.3 GIVE KNOWLEDGE OF SALVATION (v77)**

“...to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Question 7: This description of the message of salvation is beautiful. How does it touch your heart personally?

## **3. A PRAYER**

Dear loving heavenly father, thank you that in the person of Jesus Christ, you have spoken you have visited and you have shown mercy. Help me to respond to the Jesus Christ revealed in scripture in repentance and faith and build my live on him the Rock of my Salvation, then serve, go before and give that knowledge to others. That the light of Christ may shine and banish all darkness this Christmas, a message of amazing salvation, for the sake of your son, my Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.