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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Text: Isaiah 64:1–12

Topics: Action, Longing, Lament

Big Idea of the Message: Israel longed to be delivered from its troubles, including the

ones that it caused itself.

Application Point: Offer your frustrations to God. Trust in his work, no matter how

delayed it seems.

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. What images come to mind when you hear the word "rend"?
- 3. How does God make his name known?
- 4. When have you lamented to God?
- 5. How do you trust in God in those times?
- 6. How can we pray for you?



Text: Luke 1:46–55

Topics: Mary, Blessing, Magnificat

Big Idea of the Message: When God blesses a person, the blessing doesn't stop with

them.

Application Point: Give thanks to God for the blessings that he has given you. Ask him how those blessings can be passed on to others.

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. How is Mary blessed by her situation? Is there more than one way?
- 3. How is Mary's blessing leading to the blessing of others?
- 4. What is the ultimate blessing that Mary is speaking of?
- 5. In what ways do *our* blessings pass on to others?
- 6. How can we pray for you?



Text: Luke 1:67–79

Topics: Zechariah, Prophecy, Benedictus

Big Idea of the Message: Prophecy is not just about the future but also about what

God is doing in the present.

Application Point: Leave the worries of the future to God. Look for what he is doing

here and now.

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. How do these first words of Zechariah proclaim the lessons he learned from his time without speech?
- 3. Does Zechariah focus more on the past or the future? Sometime else?
- 4. What hope does Zechariah voice in his prophecy?
- 5. How do we participate in that hope?
- 6. How can we pray for you?



Text: Luke 2:22–38

Topics: Hope, Proclamation, Unlikelihood, Nunc Dimittis

Big Idea of the Message: When hope finally shows up, we can't hold back.

Application Point: Proclaim the hope and love of Jesus to anyone who will hear. Share

that love with your neighbors.

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. How do you think Simeon lived before this day?
- 3. How did Anna live before this day?
- 4. What were their lives like *after* witnessing the Messiah's arrival?
- 5. What are *our* lives like after Jesus comes?
- 6. How can we pray for you?