



WEEK 4

Luke 1:57-80

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MAIN TEXT: Luke 1:57-80

OBSERVATION: *What is this text saying?*

- What is the response to John's birth?
- What was the people's reaction to Zechariah being able to talk immediately upon naming his baby, John?
- Why do the people think God has a special plan for John?
- Look at verses 67-79. What does Zechariah prophecy that God is doing and will do?

INTERPRETATION: *What does this text mean?*

- Look at Zechariah's prophecy in verses 67-79. What do you think this meant to Zechariah, Elizabeth and the people around them? What were the implications of a soon arriving Messiah?

APPLICATION: *How should we now live?*

- Zechariah's prophecy and the birth of John provided a time of hope and praise. We see that at least some people understood that this was a special moment of God's redemptive work in human history. Likewise, we should have a heart of hope and praise as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. How can we cultivate an attitude of praise and wonder as we celebrate Christmas?

