



THE GOOD NEWS BEGINS:

ALL THIS HAPPENED FOR YOU

LUKE 1: 1 - 25

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Luke's Gospel points us to Jesus' cross and resurrection and reassures us that Jesus is the fulfilment of God's saving purposes. Luke also describes a world turned upside down. Sinners are saved while religious leaders are exposed as frauds. The poor rejoice while the rich are "sent away empty" (**Luke 1: 53**). "Outsiders" embrace Jesus while "Insiders" reject Him. Luke describes the reason why he wrote his careful, documented historical narrative as "**so that you may know the exact truth (or '*that you might have certainty*') about the things that you have been taught**" (**Luke 1: 4**)

How does "knowing the exact truth" or "having certainty" prepare you *practically* for following Jesus through hardship and humiliation? Does knowing facts like **God always fulfils His Promises**, that **He answers our prayers and cries for help "In His Time"** strengthen your faith in God Almighty? Do you find this challenging? Discuss.

2. Theophilus was most probably a Gentile convert to Christianity. The themes of Luke's two books suggest that such converts were experiencing a crisis of faith.

How does **verses 1 – 4** of **chapter 1** offer reassurance to those whose beliefs are being challenged or undermined? What are your emotions or thoughts when you read these 4 verses? Do these verses challenge you to realign your thinking to looking at situations from heaven's perspective? (see also **Luke 1: 19, 20**)

3. The story of John the Baptist's birth and the experiences of Zechariah & Elizabeth is intended to serve as a continuation of the Old Testament (see **Malachi 4: 5, 6**). How does Zechariah and Elizabeth's story provide you with assurance of God's promises and provision? Discuss.

4. Why do you think Luke spends time writing in detail about John the Baptist's birth? (see **Luke 1: 1: 13 – 17**) Do you think it is of importance? What does reading these verses tell you about God and your relationship to Him?

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