

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

### John the Preparer

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#### DISCUSSION

1. Read Luke 1:5-7. Zechariah and Elizabeth were descendants of Aaron, which is the priestly line from the Old Testament. Why is this significant?
2. a) What do you think was God's purpose in making them childless until they were old? b) Describe a time when you were disappointed in your circumstances but later appreciated them.
3. Read vv. 8-10, noting that Zechariah was chosen by lot. Share a circumstance that appeared to be random, but you discovered God orchestrated it.
4. What is the role of John the Baptist? Consider Luke 1:11-17 as well as prophecies in Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3-5.
5. Why was it necessary for there to be a forerunner to Jesus? Consider the sermon text as well as Matthew 11:8-11.
6. Read Luke 1:18-25. Recount a time when you disbelieved the Lord, and later reversed your view.
7. Read Matt. 28:18-20 and 2 Cor. 5:19-20. How are we like John the Baptist in today's world?

#### APPLICATION

8. Make a list of people that you can share the Gospel with or invite to something this Christmas season. Share this list with your group, make a concerted effort to witness to these people, and share your results with the group this month.

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1. A **place** prepared for a divine entrance. Jn 1:5-12; Gen 12:1-3;  
Lk 1:8-11
2. A **person** who will prepare the way. Lk 1:13-17; Gen 15:1
3. A **priest** not prepared to believe. Lk 1:18-25; Dan 8:15-19;  
Gen 18:10-15