

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions
“Advent Series: Hope”
Luke 1:5:25
December 3, 2023

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

1. Have you ever had an expectation that God was going to do something, but it was taking too long?
 - a. How do you remain faithful while you are waiting?

2. What is the difference between biblical hope and wishful thinking?

3. God answered Zachariah’s prayer for a child and the Messiah. What does that tell us about our personal prayers and how they fit into God’s overall plan?
 - a. How might this affect the timing?

4. How did Zachariah and Elizabeth show that they were being faithful while they waited on God?

5. In verse 20, the angel tells Zechariah that his prayer was being fulfilled “in the proper time.” What does this tell us about God’s will in your life?
 - a. How does that help you handle unanswered prayer?

6. In verse 17, what is John’s purpose?
 - a. How does that prepare someone to accept Jesus?

7. What was Elizabeth’s “shame” in the eyes of the people?
 - a. Who does the timing of her pregnancy draw attention to?

 - b. What does that tell us about how God might be using His timing in our lives?