

August 22, 2010

K-Group Questions

- 1. Describe the political, religious and social climate of Zechariah and Elizabeth's day.*
- 2. How was the sovereignty of God revealed in Luke 1:5-17?*
- 3. What was the reason for joy in Gabriel's announcement?*
- 4. Describe John the Baptist's character from verses 15-17. Why is character essential for ministry?*
- 5. What struck you as most stunning and remarkable about the text?*
- 6. Was Elizabeth's barrenness due to some sin or was it a part of the grand scope of God's plan of salvation?*



Proclaiming the Sovereign Majesty of God

Nothing comes to pass without our heavenly Father's permission or ordination. By this almighty providence, God overrules and sways all things to his own glory. There is nothing that comes to pass but God has his purpose in it. Though the world seems to run at random in blind confusion and rude disorder, yet God governs it to make perfect harmony out of all the seeming discords. Question: "If God's providence ordains all things that come to pass according to the immutable law of his purpose, then what necessity is there for prayer? We cannot by our most fervent prayers alter God's decrees. Our prayers cannot hasten or ripen his blessings before their time, or prevent or prolong the time fixed to bring afflictions to pass upon us." Divine providence does not only ordain what effects shall come to pass, but also by what means, what causes, and in what order they shall flow. God has appointed not only the effect itself, but the means to accomplish it. Prayer is a means to bring to pass that which God has determined shall be. We do not pray out of hope to alter God's eternal purposes; but we pray to obtain that which God has ordained to be received by our prayers. We ask, that we may be fit to receive what God has from all eternity determined to give by prayer, and not otherwise. Therefore, when we lie under any affliction, or if we are pinched by poverty, prayer is necessary because, as God by his providence has brought these things upon us, so likewise possibly the same providence has also determined not to remove them until we earnestly and fervently pray for our deliverance. Prayer does not include God to bestow that which before he was not resolved to give, but prepares us to receive that which God will not give otherwise.

– Ezekiel Hopkins

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*Please enter reverently and silence all communication devices.
Parents with crying children may use the conference room.*

Preparation for Worship

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

*“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.”
Psalm 90:1-2 (ESV)*

*Prelude to Worship.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

Chiming of the Hour

*Worship in Music Children’s Choir
“More Precious Than Silver” by Lynn DeShazo with
“I Exalt Thee” by Pete Sanchez, Jr.*

Invocation

*“Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
as when fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!”
Isaiah 64:1-2 (ESV)*

**Call to Worship.....Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(page 1)*

**Scripture Reading..... I Chronicles 29:1-11*

Confession of Sin and Pastoral Prayer

Adoration

*“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!”
Psalm 117 (ESV)*

*Hymn.....Immortal, Invisible (page 25)
I Am Thine, O Lord (page 358)

**Scripture Reading.....Luke 1:5-17*

*Worship in Tithes and Offerings.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

Exposition

*“Then Philip opened his mouth,
and beginning with this Scripture
he told him the good news about Jesus.”
Acts 8:35 (ESV)*

Pastor Jess Smith.....Luke 1:5-17

Consecration

*“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts,
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if
one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has
forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which
binds everything together in perfect harmony.”
Colossians 3:12-14 (ESV)*

**Hymn of CommitmentBreathe On Me (page 251)*

Benediction

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”
Romans 15:13 (ESV)*

*Postlude.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

**Congregation please stand*