

*August 29, 2010*

## *K-Group Questions*

- 1. Who is Gabriel and what is his responsibility in serving God?*
- 2. Why does the Lord chasten Zechariah for questioning Gabriel but doesn't rebuke Mary?*
- 3. Is it wrong to question God?*
- 4. What is significant about Zechariah's speechlessness and how is it related to his priestly position?*
- 5. What did you find that was most compelling or stunning about this text and how will you apply it to your life this week?*



## **Proclaiming the Sovereign Majesty of God**

*In the school of affliction God gradually teaches us the lessons we need to learn. Fruit is not gathered all at once; there must be time for it to ripen. Do not become discouraged if God does not teach you all at once. He lets in light by degrees, and teaches his children now a little, and then a little; some this week, and more next; some by this affliction, and more by the next. If God has not taught you as much as another, do not say he has not taught you at all. Though God's teaching is powerful, it does not immediately put the soul into an immutable evenness of spirit freed from all insurrections and disturbances. Such a frame is only the privilege of the glorified state. David had his sinkings, and Job his impatient fits. We have heard of the patience of Job, yea and of his impatience too! The taught of God may be moved, but not removed; they may fall, but not fall away—fearfully, but not finally; terribly, but not totally. Are we not aware of the whisperings of corruption in our members? Do we not rise with indignation and become displeased with the opposition we find in our nature? Is there not a regular need in prayer to spread our temptations before the Lord? Is there not a need to pray our hearts into a better frame? It was said of Luther that when he found a distemper upon his spirit, he would keep praying until he had prayed his heart into the frame he prayed for. By God's instruction we are able to maintain opposition against the evil we find in our own spirits (Gal. 5:17). The life of a believer is a warfare (Eph. 6:12). As God teaches us, the soul gradually gains ground against its fleshly opposition. Prayer brings in God, and God gives strength to take back lost ground. We are comforted that all will be done in God's time. I am not perfect, but I will be perfect (Phil. 1:6).*

**– Thomas Case**

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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 ..... Adult Choir  
You Are My Hiding Place  
Michael Ledner*

**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.....Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven  
(page 3)*

*\*Scripture Reading..... Daniel 9:20-23*

*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..... It Took a Miracle (page 524)  
\*He Lifted Me (page 522)*

*\*Scripture Reading..... Luke 1:5-23*

*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 1:5-23*

**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 Commitment ..... I Will Sing of My Redeemer  
(page 506)*

**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*