

Breaking The Silence

Key Passage: Luke 1:5-20

Reflect

- What is something that stood out in the message today?

Review

• **A Humble Couple – Luke 1:5-12**

- What do you learn about Zacharias and Elizabeth in Luke 1:5-6?
 - How were people in the OT saved (Genesis 15:6, 6:8)?
 - Many of the Jews in Jesus' day became self-righteous, trusting in their works to save them (Luke 18:11-14, Romans 10:1-4). Have you ever believed your works could save you or do you know someone that feels that way? What verses can you point them to?
 - Why should Christians strive to live a pure and holy life? Does the Bible tell us to live holy?
- What struggle did Zacharias and Elizabeth face (Luke 1:7)?
 - Have you ever faced struggles in life that challenged your faith? How did you overcome those struggles?
- What excuses could Zacharias and Elizabeth give for not serving God?
 - Have you had to give up excuses in order to serve God?

• **A Heavenly Message – Luke 1:13-17**

- Gabriel's meeting was a divine appointment with Zacharias; there were an estimated 20,000 priests at this time in history, and most never got a chance to offer incense in that capacity. What is a divine appointment you have had in your life?
- Gabriel knew Zacharias by his name; how does it make you feel knowing you are personally known by God?
 - How does that apply to Revelation 20:15?
- How would you pray differently if every time you prayed God sent an angel that said, "thy prayer is heard"?
 - Do you think Zacharias and Elizabeth ever felt like giving up on praying for a child? How can you apply that to your life?
- Why was the child great according to v. 15-17?
 - What are great characteristics about John that we can follow?

• **A Human Doubt – Luke 1:18-20**

- Are you surprised at Zacharias' response? Do you think heaven is ever surprised by our response to His Word?

Apply

- What can you apply to your life from this message this week?

Outreach

- ✓ Who can you invite to Church and Life Group next Sunday? _____

Key verses used from Sunday Morning's Sermon: Luke 1:5-20; Genesis 6:8, 15:6; Luke 18:11-14; Romans 10:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Luke 1:25; James 1:17; Genesis 15:1; Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:16-18; Matthew 10:30; James 4:2; Luke 1:13-14; Luke 1:57-58; Romans 8:31-32; Ephesians 5:18; Matthew 3:1-2; Matthew 4:17; Revelation 3:19; Romans 2:4; John 1:22-23; Luke 1:18; 1 Corinthians 1:22; Matthew 12:38-39; James 1:6-7