

# TO GO

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1. Have you ever experienced what might be described as a “dark night of the soul?” What kinds of things did you fear in that season? What kind of emotions were you confronted with? What sustained you through it?
2. Read Luke 1:57–66. How does Zechariah demonstrate his movement from skepticism to belief? What kinds of things keep people from believing God’s message today? Where are you in this movement: closer to skepticism or to belief?
3. Read Luke 1:67–73. How does Zechariah’s belief turn to praise? For what does he give God praise? How does his praise reflect his awareness of God’s message and activity?
4. Read Luke 1:74–75. What becomes the natural outflow of praise here for Zechariah? Why is service an inevitable outcome of genuine praise?
5. Read Luke 1:76–77. How does Zechariah speak about the ministry of his son who would become John the Baptist? What mission does John have? Why is it critical to understand our service in light of God’s overall mission to redeem mankind from its sins?
6. Read Luke 1:78–79. To what does Zechariah look forward about the coming of the Messiah? What benefit will the Messiah be to all who put their trust in Him?
7. With which movement from the song do you identify the most? What step can you take today to move closer to Jesus today?
8. Spend some time praying toward that end.