

The Birth of John the Baptist - Luke 1:57-66

Topics: Answers, Appreciation, Awe, Celebration, Children, Choices, Culture, Curiosity, Delay, Desires, Expectations, Family, Joy, Obedience, Parents, Persistence, Promises, Silence, Traditions

Open It

- * 1. What is the significance, meaning, or story behind your name?
- 2. How do parents often choose names for their children?
- 3. If you lost your speech for a year, what would be your first words when you were finally able to talk again?

Explore It

- 4. What two groups celebrated the birth of Zechariah and Elizabeth's baby? (1:58)
- 5. Why did the relatives and neighbors think that God had shown Elizabeth great mercy? (1:58)
- 6. When did Elizabeth's relatives come to visit her child? Why? (1:59)
- * 7. What was the relatives' response when Elizabeth told them the child wouldn't be called Zechariah? (1:61)
- 8. Why did the relatives have to make signs to Zechariah about what he wanted to call the child? (1:62)
- * 9. Why was Zechariah's voice restored? (1:63-64)
- * 10. How did Zechariah react when his voice was restored? (1:64)
- 11. What was the effect of all these events on the people in the region in which Zechariah and Elizabeth lived? (1:65-66)
- 12. What was special about Elizabeth's child? (1:66)
- 13. What was the question on everybody's lips who heard about the birth of John? (1:66)

Get It

- 14. In what ways do Zechariah and Elizabeth serve as models to us?
- 15. In what ways should we hold to the course God determines for us over the counsel of friends or relatives?
- * 16. How significant is it for us to celebrate with others?
- * 17. How do you tend to react when someone you know has cause to celebrate?
- 18. In what ways has God's favor on you caused people to talk?
- 19. What qualities of Zechariah do you want to build in your own life?

Apply It

- * 20. With what person can you celebrate a happy or joyous event this week? How?
- 21. What can you do to remind yourself that the Lord's hand is with you each day?