



Mary, Elizabeth and the Holy Spirit

Luke 1:11-16

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1. When you think of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, how often have you focused on the Holy Spirit's role in all of it? How are you encouraged when you realize the part He played?
2. Read Luke 1:11-16 then discuss the following:
Just imagine how long Zechariah and Elizabeth had been praying for a child. They were elderly at this point in their lives, yet now, so many years later he is told by the angel. "Your prayers have been answered." What do you personally take away from this encounter?
3. Read Luke 1:36-37. What does the Angel tell Mary about the word of the Lord? Share a time when you've had to hold onto this truth.
4. Read Luke 1:39-45. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to Elizabeth?
5. This was a powerful demonstration of how the Spirit revealed the truth of what is and what will be. In your own life, how have you experienced the Holy Spirit guiding you into God's truth and reinforcing his promises?
6. In all of the events described in the passages we've read, all of the details of how everything would happen weren't given. Elizabeth must have had questions. We know Zechariah did! God was revealing what they needed to know as they needed to know it. The story was unfolding before their eyes. Take a few moments of silence and ask the Holy Spirit to bring to your memory a time where you didn't see the whole picture of how God was working, only to look back later and see the big picture of how He had been working all along. Take some time and share with the group.
7. The amount of faith and trust involved in this story is remarkable. When has it been easy for you to trust God? When has it been difficult?

What Now:

- Is there anything you are going through right now in which you need to remember that the promises of God never fail? What does handing it over to God look like? How can the group be praying for you?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you someone who needs to be encouraged by the ways in which you've experienced God's faithfulness.

Reminders:

- **The Best Christmas Potluck Ever, Ever!** is Sunday, December 14th. There will be holiday games, singing, a Christmas hat contest, and more! Bring a family sized dish to share- HCC will provide chicken and HCC Staff will provide desserts. We can't wait to celebrate the Christmas season with you!
- Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at Harpeth Christian Church will be at **4pm on Dec. 24!** Join us as we celebrate the hope of Jesus this Christmas season. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to this special service!