

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / DECEMBER 10

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

Read

Read Luke 1:67–79 and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “Jesus, who was this horn of God’s power, often hid that power, so that he could actually save us.”
- “Jesus was the bread of life. He said that those who feasted on him would never hunger.”
- “Jesus is the one in whom all the riches of God’s fullness are found, the one on whom God has poured out his Spirit.”
- “Jesus, our King, has won a great battle for us, and now we are invited to join in his victory and rest in his peace.”
- “Jesus, the horn of God’s power and abundance, saved us by *divesting himself of both*. It’s the path of the cross in the world. It’s how God saves us. Jesus was not the horn they were expecting, but he is the horn that we need.”

Group Discussion

1. How does Zechariah's experience with doubt and silence relate to our own moments of doubt and waiting in faith?
2. The sermon discusses the “horn” as a symbol of strength, abundance, anointing, and announcement. What do each of these mean? What do these symbols show us about Jesus’ nature and work?
3. Jesus, being the horn of God's power, chose to hide his power to save humanity. How does this aspect of Jesus’ character challenge or inspire your understanding of power and humility?
4. Luke presents Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises. How does who Jesus is apply to our lives, especially in times of uncertainty or trials?

WEEKLY RESPONSE QUESTIONS

- Reflect:** How does Zechariah's story reveal God's faithfulness and patience?
- Respond:** What is a tangible way for you to exemplify trust in Jesus as your “horn”?
- Reach:** Who in your life needs to hear about the “horn of salvation”?

PRAYER

- Pray for the ability to trust in God's timing and plan, especially in periods of waiting or uncertainty.
- Ask God to help us recognize and embrace Jesus as our “horn of salvation,” embodying strength, abundance, victory, and anointing in our lives.