

Episode #3 - **Zechariah**

1. What did you learn about the priesthood and priestly practices from the video? Look through Exodus 28. What other specific details are given for priests in the temple?
2. Though not listed in scripture, by medieval times the practice of tying a rope to the high priest was part of lore of ancient Israel. What are the moments and places where you feel you are in the presence of God? How terrifying would it have been for priests who were in a presence so powerful?
3. Zechariah, in the midst of doing the mundane task of priestly duties, has the life altering, “left speechless” spiritual experience. Have you ever had an experience like that?
4. One of the ways that people often have an experience of God is doing repetitive, relaxing tasks like walking in the woods, running, fishing, or knitting. What mundane, asks might you do in which you might pay attention to God’s presence or voice in the mundane?
5. Read Genesis 18: 10-15. What other couple became parents in old age? Who was their son and how did he play into God’s plan for the world?
6. Read Luke 1: 5-8. It was often considered a “curse” if someone could not have a child. How does Luke seem to be countering this “curse.” Have you walked with persons who struggled to have children, when they desperately wanted them?
7. If after waiting so long before having children, how surprised was their family that they did not want to name the child after the father?
8. So often, we think that God’s Kingdom is about the hero characters, the people who achieve notoriety, or are incredibly talented. But Zechariah and Elizabeth are people who were faithful in the small things, simple obedience to God. Who do you know who is faithful in the small things, who glorifies God in their simple obedience and faith? Who in your past has influenced your life by living life faithfully?
9. How did God shake up Zechariah’s world?