

**Luke 1:15-17, 57-66, 67-80 John The Baptist Story      December 1**

**Read Luke 1:15-17      Background on John the Baptist**

**1. What does it mean for John to be “filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth”?**

**2. In what ways might God be calling us to “prepare the way” for Jesus in our lives and communities?      Personal Response**

**Read Luke 1:57-66      The Birth and Purpose of John**

**3. How do the events of John’s birth show that God’s plans are sometimes unexpected and beyond human control?      How has God worked unexpectedly in your life?**

**Personal Response**

**4. How do the reactions of the neighbors and relatives (awe and wonder) help spread awareness of God’s work?**

**Read Luke 1:67-80      Zechariah’s Prophecy**

**5. How does Zechariah's prophecy connect John's mission with God's covenant promises to Israel?**

**6. What does it mean that John will "give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins" (v. 77)?**

**7. How can we apply the themes of light, mercy, and guidance to our own Advent preparations?**

**Preparing Our Hearts for Christ**

**8. How can you, like John, point others toward Jesus this season?**

**Personal Response**

**9. In what ways can we “prepare the way” in our families, church, and community? Personal Response**

**In Our Families:**

**In Our Church:**

**In Our Community:**

**10. What specific actions can you take this Advent to live out John’s message of repentance, reconciliation, and hope?**