



### **Part One: Zechariah's Song**

Have you ever felt like God wasn't around? Have you ever thought that God wouldn't or couldn't come through for you? One of the earliest Christmas songs deals with exactly that problem.

### **Scripture: Luke 1:5-25**

**Bottom Line:** If you want Jesus to change your circumstances you need to let him change your character.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What are your favourite Christmas songs? What memories are associated with those songs?
2. Read about Zechariah's circumstances in Luke 1:5-25 and 57-66. Why do you think it was hard for Zechariah to believe the angel? Do you ever find it hard to believe that God would act on your behalf? What kinds of things make it difficult?
3. Why do you think the angel made Zechariah mute? What do you think he learned in months and months of silence? How often do you spend time silently with God? Do you think you would have a different perspective if you spent more quiet time in God's presence?
4. Do you think we should expect God to do miracles like he did in this story? Why or why not? What should our expectation be?

### **Moving Forward**

There are many difficult things that Jesus asks us to do, as we place our trust in him. What are some of the teachings of Jesus that you find it most hard to accept and apply in your life? Why are they so hard to implement? What about Jesus might give us confidence to follow him, even when it is difficult or hard to understand?