

Welcome to Worship with us! Please take a moment to fill out the **Communication Card** inside this guide and place it in the offering box. We're so glad you've decided to worship with us this this morning!

Nicaragua Mission Trip March 8-17, 2014. The next Mission Trip to Nicaragua has been scheduled. At this point, the plan is to take a medical team and children's ministry team. If you're interested in going, see Billy. The cost of the trip is \$1500 and the first deposit of \$500 is due Dec. 8th.

Thanksgiving Connect Event Meal will be November 17th at 5:00pm. The church will provide turkey and drinks. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert. This is a great opportunity for you to bring others that you have been trying to invite.

2013 Missions Offering will be on December 1. The entire amount given on that day will be distributed among 4 projects that support mission locally and to the ends of the earth.

2014 Vision Weekend will be December 8th. We will have 2 services on that day. Part 1 will be our 9:30am worship service, where I'll aim to lay out the big picture of the direction God is leading. Part 2 will be at 5:00pm. We'll have a meal and I'll unpack more of the nuts and bolts of how we'll accomplish what we believe God has planned for 2014.

Giving can be done in the box in the back of the room or online at www.encounterlifechurch.org/give. Thanks for faithfully giving and supporting the work God is doing through ELC!

Life Group Times and Locations:

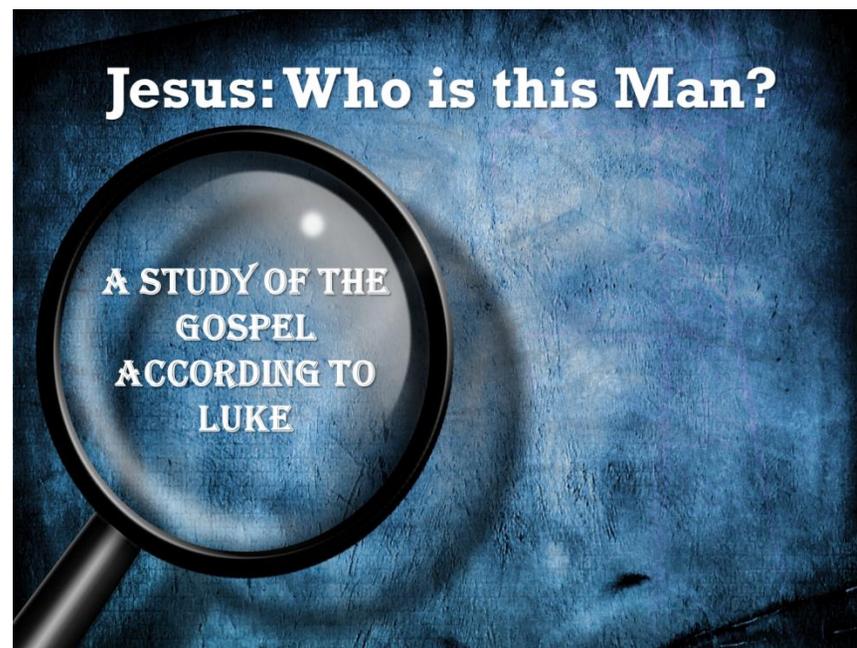
1. **Sunday Nights @ 5:00:** Meets at the Lemmons' (1203 Hillcrest Drive) and is led by Joel Littlefield.
2. **Thursday Nights @ 5:30:** Meets at the Cunningham's (324 Brook Hollow Circle) and is led by Billy Levengood.

Need Something this week? Please call the Leadership Team:

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Encounter Life Church



Family Worship Guide

November 10, 2013

Family Worship Night
Week of November 10, 2013

LUKE 1:5-25

INTRODUCTION¹

When Luke wrote his gospel, it had been more than 400 years since God last spoke to his people Israel in Malachi chapter four. God promised to send someone who would get people ready for him to do something big—send his son Jesus. That person would be John the baptizer. Like the prophets in the Old Testament, he would tell people to stop sinning, and turn back to following God’s ways. The plans and promises God made going all the way back to Genesis, and even before, were about to come true.

DISCUSSION

How do you get ready for someone very special to come and visit you?

EXPLANATION

- Who was Zechariah, and what was his job? *He served as a priest before God. he was advanced in years.*
- Who was Zechariah’s wife? *Elizabeth.*
- Who talked to Zechariah in the temple? *Gabriel, a very important angel who stands in the presence of God.*
- What did Gabriel promise God would do for them? *Give them a son to be named John.*
- What did Gabriel say John would do? *He will prepare the way for the Lord by teaching parents to love their children and teaching people to obey God. He will bring many of Israel’s people back to God.*
- Did Zechariah believe Gabriel? *No. why or why not? He thought that he and his wife were too old to have a baby.*
- What happened to Zechariah next? *Gabriel made it so Zechariah couldn’t talk or hear until John was born.*

¹ Taken from:
http://cdn.marshall.com/files/collection/documents/luke_9097_document.pdf
page 2.

- What happened to Elizabeth? *She got pregnant, just like Gabriel promised she would.*

APPLICATION

Talk about how your family gets ready for someone very special to visit, like grandparents from out of town or a friend you haven’t seen in a long time. Now talk about what you would do to get ready if Jesus was coming to your house. What would you clean? What would you put away? What would you put out? How would you treat one another? Would you fight with your brother/sister, or would you try to get along? Have parents and older kids who are Christians share how they got ready for Jesus to come to their “spiritual” house (into their life)—share how God led you to him, how you turned away from your sins, and how you first believed in Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 1:17b - “He will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord.” (NLT)

Prayer Thought: Thank God for breaking His silence and sending John the Baptizer to point people to Jesus.

*For more information on how to have a
Family Worship Night please visit,
www.encounterlifechurch.org/fwn/FWNPrepGuide.pdf*