

<u>Silence</u> Luke 1:5-25, v. 57-80

1. Even in God's silence, he is working his ______ in the world.

2. Even in our silence, God is working his _____ in us.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- Have you ever had a time when you experienced the silence of God? Describe that time. What were some of the doubts that came to mind? What did you learn about God's plan through that experience of silence?
- 2. Read Zechariah's response to the Angel Gabriel's announcement about his son in Luke 1:11-20. What do you think was going through his mind at the time? Why is it often easier to believe that God can do miracles for others but not for us?
- 3. Imagine going through a joyous pregnancy watching a miracle before your very eyes and not be able to express yourself to anyone. Have you ever experienced a powerful time of growth through silence? Describe it. Discuss some ways to allow more silence and listening into your regular time with God.
- Read Zechariah's Song in Luke 1:67-79. What stands out to you most? What part is most meaningful to you? Based on the song, what are some ways you can encounter God more deeply this Christmas?

MEMORY VERSE

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people."