

## The Forerunner Foretold

PASTOR MIKE YODER • LUKE 1:5-25

UP CLOSE  
& PERSONAL  
*The Gospel of Luke*



### WARM UP

What has been the pinnacle moment or phase in your education, career, or life?

### COMING UP

[GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gracelaris.org/calendar)

**A Family Christmas Celebration** Friday & Saturday, December 10 & 11 • WC Auditorium • To learn more and purchase tickets, visit [GracePolaris.org/Christmas](https://gracelaris.org/Christmas) or text “Christmas” to 614-888-7733.

**Jingle Jam** Saturday, December 18 • 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • MC Multipurpose Room • *Space is limited.* To reserve your family’s spot by December 15, visit [GracePolaris.org/Jingle](https://gracelaris.org/Jingle) or text “Jingle” to 614-888-7733.

**Christmas Eve Services** Thursday, December 24 • 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. • WC Auditorium & Online

### WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you’re praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

### EXPLORE

- 1 When have you personally felt the sting of “bad things happening to good people?” Reflect on a personal example or one from a loved one’s life.
- 2 What are some frequent obstacles or losses in life that cause people to feel like God has let them down or doesn’t have their best interests in mind?
- 3 There are several ways that the Bible uses the word “righteous.” How is it used of Zechariah and Elizabeth (1:6)? How does their moment in salvation history affect how we view Luke’s description of them?
- 4 What strikes you as most significant or unexpected about the angel’s description of John (1:13–17)?
- 5 What do you think Zechariah may have felt during his priestly “moment of fame,” the angel’s announcement, and his own question to the angel?
- 6 How would you describe the level and quality of Zechariah’s faith? What is commendable and what is deficient (1:18–20)?
- 7 How have you seen the favor of God in your life? Can we perceive this favor even before — or without — our desired outcome from God (1:23–25)?

### PRAY

Ask that God would use this Christmas season to draw you closer to Him and to share Him with others.