



Peace
December 5, 2021
Luke 1:68-79

Connect

- Name something you waited a long time for that finally showed up in your life. Describe that experience.
- What is something you've been waiting on your whole life and are still waiting to happen/show up?

Engage

- Read *Luke 1:68-79*. This is a prophetic word that's part of the larger story of Zachariah and family. Take a look back at the verses preceding today's selection so you have the full awareness of Zachariah's prophetic word about his son, John, and the Messiah yet to come.
- Zachariah was mute for a long while. It could not have been an easy season for him or for those who loved him most. Describe what such an experience might be for him, for Elizabeth, and others he walked with each day. Put yourself in their shoes. How would such a season fly in your household?
- Zachariah's first spoken word after months of silence was "*Blessed.*" Would that be your first word? Why do you think he led this way?
- In this dark world, Zachariah finishes his word with a request for God to *guide all feet in the way of peace*. The famous hymn says, "*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*" What guides your feet these days? What would it mean for peace to begin with you?

Next Steps

- It is always a healthy practice to review the key relationships in our lives: spouses, families, colleagues, neighbors, etc. At any given time, some of those relationships may be burdened with unsettled conflict. Consider these close relationships in your life. How can you bring peace where there is unrest? Choose one to focus on this week and take peaceful action to bring healing.

Pray

- "*The Prince of Peace sounds like a mighty title, O God. We claim this one in Jesus and as Christmas approaches, we long for peace to come again and again. Stir our hearts as only you can that we may own that peace can begin with even me. May it be so. Amen.*"