

Do You Hear What I Hear? The Ultimate Encounter With God Himself!

Part 1: Unbelievable Hope

Introduction:

- Can you think of a time when you have prayed for something for years – and are still waiting?
- How good are you at waiting in a queue/traffic jam?
- How do you keep your hopes alive?

Study:

Read Luke 1:11-22

What is meant by Zechariah and Elizabeth being “righteous before God” (Luke 1:6)? Why is this righteousness all the more commendable?

Do we obey God to receive something more from Him, or to thank, honour and draw closer to Him for what He has already given us?

Who is Gabriel? See Luke 1:19; Luke 1:26-28; Daniel 8:15-16; Daniel 9:20-21. What is his role?

What will Zechariah's son do to be “great in the sight of the Lord” (Luke 1:15-17)?

Do your life choices indicate that you want to be great in the sight of the Lord?

Why does the angel bring up “Elijah” (Luke 1:17)?

Why do you think Zechariah was made “mute” (Luke 1:20)?

Read Luke 1:57-64

What is the first thing that Zechariah did after his mouth was opened? (Verse 64)

What did the amazement of Elizabeth and Zechariah's neighbours turn into? Why? (Verse 65-66)

What is the first thing that many people do today when they open their mouth in amazement? Do We?

Reflection:

Do we really believe that with God all things are possible? Read verse 37 in KJV (or a more authorised version) if possible.

We are waiting on a new Pastor. How will we prepare for his/her arrival?