

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Luke 1:5-17

Getting Started

How have you seen God answer prayer in 2014?

Digging In

Read Luke 1:5-17.

1. How did Zechariah and Elizabeth experience answer to prayer?
2. How did God exceed Zechariah's request?
3. If God already knows the outcome of each situation, why are we asked to pray?
4. How can we be sure that we should continue to pray about a certain concern?
5. How can we know whether or not we're praying in the will of God?
6. What is the difference between meaningless repetition and persistence in prayer? Matthew 6:7; Luke 18:1-8;
7. How can our faith be increased?
8. How did Paul know that 3 times of requesting the removal of the thorn in the flesh was enough? 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
9. If an unforgiving spirit can hinder our prayer life, how can we gain assurance that we have truly forgiven someone so that we can pray effectively?



Getting Personal

- Is there anything in your life that is keeping you from praying effectively? If so, take time now to confess it to God and receive his forgiveness.
- Have you ever been disappointed in prayer? How has what you've learned from the passages above helped to deepen your understanding of prayer?