

OVERCOMING DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT

Luke 1:5-25

Zechariah and Elizabeth's story

Practical Implications:

1. **DON'T QUIT** _____
Luke 1:13

2. **SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO** _____ **AND OBEY**
Luke 1:18-20

3. **GIVE YOUR** _____ **TO JESUS**
Luke 1:25

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of November 28, 2010

NOTE: This week's homework will be slightly shorter to give your group time to fill out evaluations about this quarter's Growth Group experience.

QUICK REVIEW: Take a look at your sermon notes from this week. Was there a point in the sermon or a passage that you really took to heart? Was there anything else that challenged you or caught your attention?

MY STORY

1. The four weeks leading up to Christmas are what traditionally the church calls "Advent." How do you plan to celebrate Christmas this year?

2. As we look forward to Christmas this year, what favorite Christmas memories come to mind?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This week we talked about never quitting on praying to God. Sometimes our prayers are made up of venting our frustrations. Venting our frustrations to God is not only acceptable during times of deep disappointment, but can actually be healthy in working out our disappointments. What's your response to Jeremiah's venting of frustration found in **Jeremiah 20:7-10, 14-18**?

Can you think of any indicators that a person's "venting to God" is over the top and no longer helpful to them, others or God?

2. Keeping God's power in mind is one of the keys to dealing with deep disappointment. How do you relate to how Jeremiah keeps God's power in mind in the midst of high disappointment in **Jeremiah 20:11-13**?

Can you think of any verses, attributes or characteristics of God that have helped you through difficult times?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at the "practical implications" from this week's teaching, are there any that are particularly important for you to remember right now to help you continue to move forward or that you need prayer for?

Any other prayer requests?

Growth Group Feedback: You'll receive a Growth Group feedback form in your Growth Group this week. Please answer honestly as we are always trying to improve our Growth Group experience. Your feedback will be confidential. Thanks in advance!