

# The Dayspring From On High

Luke 1:76-79  
Small Group Questions

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7-13, 2025

- (1) Read Luke 1:57-80.
  - (a) What is going on here? What event is being narrated?
  - (b) Why is this significant to the Christmas story?
  - (c) What are the two main parts of Zacharias's song (*The Benedictus*) in vv 68-79?
  - (d) What ideas and themes do you see in verses 76-79 (this week's sermon Text)?
- (2) In verses 76-79, how do you see Zacharias drawing on these passages under the Spirit's inspiration?

Malachi 4:2	Malachi 3:1
Isaiah 40:1-8	Isaiah 9:1-7
- (3) In vv 76-77, what does John's preparing for Jesus look like? What is he preparing *for*, and *how*?
- (4) Verse 77 shows that Zacharias isn't singing primarily about a political salvation, but a spiritual one. What clue in that verse tips us off to the kind of salvation he has in mind?
  - (a) What does this tell us about the greatest need we have?
  - (b) How come this is often missed by people, who see their circumstances as the biggest problem?
  - (c) When walking alongside a friend who is struggling to see their spiritual need beyond their physical circumstances, how can you wisely and compassionately shepherd them to their greatest need?
- (5) In verses 78-79, how does God deliver people from sitting in darkness to walking in peace?
  - (a) As you think about who Jesus is, how He saved us, and how He keeps us... what are some specific ways that we can walk "in the way of peace"?
  - (b) Spend some time reading and discussing how Colossians 1:13-29 picks up the themes of light, darkness, the Person and work of Christ, and what that means for us. Aim to be specific as you apply these truths, especially in verse 23, 28, and 29.