



# TALK IT OVER

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

### Anticipating the Savior

The Instigator of Anticipation - Ross Frisbie  
Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

### DT - DOMINANT THOUGHT

Anticipate His return with repentance.

### CONVO STARTER

Which personal layer of sin do you need to start dealing with in terms of true repentance?

- Gross Sins - Paul's vice lists (Gal. 5:19-21)
- Conscious Sins - Sins that go against the way of Jesus but are acceptable to society.
- Unconscious Sins - Sins in our minds, our internal attitudes, how people perceive us emotionally (moody, defensive, angry).
- Trust Structures - Good things from God that become unhealthy idols

### CONSIDER THIS

- Trust in the Lord's perfect timing.
- The hand of the Lord moves in mighty ways; yield to it.
- He must become greater; we must become less.

### RESOURCES

- [Pikes Peak Christian Church](#)
- [Sermon Video](#)

- "After years of silence, God once again speaks in Luke 1 to his remnant people, giving them a new hope and anticipation." - Ross Frisbie
- *Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations.* - Luke 1:6
- "Why are they being righteous and careful to obey God when no one else is? Why are they holding on to this? For 400 years God has been silent, for 700 years there is nothing good to say about the nation of Israel. They've got to go back 1,000 years just to find good stories to tell." - Ross Frisbie
- *"Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.* - Malachi 3:1
- "John was there to build up the anticipation of the one who truly was the light. We get to share in that light and like John we get to show people the way to Jesus." - Ross Frisbie
- *When the crowds came to John for baptism, he said, "You brood of snakes! Who warned you to flee God's coming wrath? Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God."* - Luke 3:7-8
- "Knowing the Bible, church attendance, and good deeds are no substitute for repentance. Those things can be proof of repentance but not a substitute for it." - Ross Frisbie

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**Read Luke 1:5-25. Trust in the Lord's perfect timing.** This may be easier said than done, but if Jesus is truly who he says he is and if really did die for us, and if we really have the Holy Spirit inside us now, then we can trust in the Lord's perfect timing. We are called to live with the same type of faithfulness that Zechariah and Elizabeth displayed. **What about Zechariah and Elizabeth's faithfulness to God was unique or surprising?** Not only had their prayers for a baby gone unanswered for many, many years, but they were also living amongst a people of Israel that had forgotten about the covenantal faithfulness of God. **In what ways have you had to wait on something and trust in the Lord's timing? Why is it important to be faithful to God even when things don't go our way?**

**Read Luke 1:57-80. The hand of the Lord moves in mighty ways; yield to it.** We don't often know when God is going to move or how he is going to move, but we must be ready to join with him when we see it happening. Zechariah and Elizabeth, as well as John, are being used by God for a mighty purpose. John the Baptist was there to prepare the way for the messiah, Jesus Christ. **How do you see God moving today and how is God calling you to yield to his movement? How can we all be like John as people who are preparing the way for Jesus today?**

**Read Luke 3:3-8. He must become greater; we must become less.** This is ultimately accomplished through repentance which means to turn away from sin and run towards God. This is not just about behavior modification, but it is about a transformation of the heart that, "proves they have changed by the good things they do." John preached a message of repentance in hopes of preparing the people for Jesus. **What does repentance look like practically in your life today? How often should we repent?** I sum up repentance as acknowledging sin in our lives, confessing it to God and others, seeking forgiveness and reconciliation, and being transformed internally by the Spirit.

## ACTION STEP

Are you an instigator of anticipation for the return of Jesus Christ? We are all called to share the light of Christ and the way of Jesus with others as true disciples. Who have you helped come to know Jesus Christ? Make a list, thank God for those opportunities, and be asking for more people to impact for eternity.