

Discussion Questions for “Spirit and Power: John’s Birth”
Luke 1:5-17, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of November 22nd & 23rd, 2025

Sermon Outline:

John’s birth is an encouragement *to those struggling with infertility*.

- God knows the reproach you feel (v. 25).
- God pushes back against your shame (vv. 6-7).
- God’s ability is beyond ours (v. 13).

John’s birth is an encouragement *to those who are waiting*.

- God hears your prayers (v. 13).
- God does not forget His people (vv. 5-17).

John’s birth is an encouragement *to those who feel really ordinary*.

- See what the “spirit and power of Elijah” enables John to do (v. 17).
- See what God can enable you to do, too (v. 17).

Sermon Questions:

1. What’s the important connection to make between verses 6 and 7?
 - a. Why is this significant for couples like Zechariah and Elizabeth?
 - b. How might the principle we find here speak into other scenarios, as well?
2. What does it say about *God’s character* and *God’s power* that He gives a child to Zechariah and Elizabeth? Can you think of other places in the Bible where you see that same character and same power?
3. Are you in season of *waiting* right now? For *what*? And for *how long*?
4. How might John’s birth be an encouragement to you?
 - a. Think of what his birth meant for the waiting of Zechariah and Elizabeth.
 - b. Think of what it meant for the waiting of Israel, generally.
5. Why does God allow us to go through seasons of waiting?
6. As much as John’s ministry is unique, how is it also *relatable*?
 - a. What, then, is true of a believer like *you*, who is filled with the Holy Spirit?
 - b. And who needs *your* ministry in the weeks, months, years ahead?
7. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?