and trust in God? List ways God has fulfilled your desires in Himself and through the Gospel. Pray over this list to build your hope in the Lord.

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How have you experienced the power of God in hopeless situations? How did that experience impact your hope in the Lord? How has God used that experience to spread hope to others around you? How can you bless God this Christmas season to be a witness to others?

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3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Are you doubting God, His Word, or His work in any area of your life right now? If so, write out a prayer of confession and humility to God and ask Him to show you His power and renew your hope in fresh ways today.

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THE QUESTION OF DOUBT

Luke 1:5-23, 57-66

NOT ONE OF MY _____ IS GREATER THAN THE _____ OF MY GOD.

I.   The Story. – v. 5-23, 57-66

II.   _____ does not insulate my heart from doubt. – v. 5-10

I need _____, not just holiness, to guard my heart against doubting God.

III. _____ can infect my heart with doubt. – v. 7, 13-17

I need to _____ more than the gifts to guard my heart against doubting God.

IV. The hand of God _____ my doubt into blessing. – v. 57-66

When I testify of God's power in my life I become a _____ _____ to others and my own heart.

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Read Luke 1:5-23, 57-66. What details about Zechariah make it surprising that he would doubt the angel's words? What details about Zechariah help you see why he might be prone to doubt? What was Zechariah truly doubting and how did God respond?

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2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Why do personal holiness and following God sometimes lead us to argue with God and doubt His Word? When have you thought you knew better than God and doubted Him? How can Christ's advent teach us to better trust God and His power in all circumstances?

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Zechariah had lived with his hope deferred for many years – both for a son and for the Messiah. When have you lived with hope deferred and how did it impact your prayers