

“GETTING STARTED”
Advent Series: A Walk to Bethlehem
Questions from *The Path Sermon*

What are the different Christmas stories you have heard? See how many the class can come up with.

Read Luke 1:1-4. What do you learn from this introduction about the author, the receiver of the letter, as well as its purpose? What else can we learn?

Read Luke 1:5-7. Who are the persons involved? What is unique about them? What might be their hopes and dreams? What has come of those dreams? Why? How might others respond to this kind of disappointment?

Read Luke 1:8-17. How special was this duty to Zechariah? What did Gabriel tell Zechariah? What significance does this news have? Why is Luke starting the story of Jesus' birth with this story? What significance does the story of John's birth have to do with the birth of Jesus? What Old Testament prophecy does Gabriel refer to in reference to this child?

Read Luke 1:18-25. What is Zechariah's reaction to the news? Why do you think Zechariah was struck dumb until the child was born?

What life applications can you determine for our lives in this Scripture?