

- 1 **Luke aims to give his readers certainty about the words and works of Christ (Luke 1:4).** What has helped increase your confidence in the scriptures along your faith journey?

⚙️ *What is the difference between certainty and arrogance?*

♥️ *How do you most often struggle with intolerance or pride, and how can you be certain without falling into those struggles?*

- 2 **God's design for our confidence is that we would anchor our confidence in Him and His Word.** When do you find it hardest to believe that God can do what he says? As you consider your own weaknesses and disappointments, how do you typically respond?


♥️ *How do you find it hard to trust God's word or God's character in seasons of difficulty?*


- 3 **In Luke 1:5-25, an elderly couple receives the gift of a child – John the Baptist.** Can you think of an extraordinary personal experience that you couldn't account for apart from God's unique intervention?

♥️ *How did that event or circumstance impact your view of God?*

📖 *How does remembering God's work in and through that event encourage and challenge you today? See Psalm 103:1-5.*


4 **Read Luke 1:18-22.** Do you find yourself sympathetic or critical of Zechariah's unbelief when Gabriel made his astounding announcement?²

 How can God's patient and forbearing response toward Hezekiah (Isaiah 38), Gideon (Judges 6), or Abraham (Genesis 15) inform your thoughts?

 Zechariah was a righteous man, but he stumbled in unbelief. How common a problem do you think unbelief is among Christians? What other accounts of unbelief struggles do we know of in some of the Bible's more prominent stories?

 Can you describe a time when you struggled to believe a promise of God or part of God's word? What helped you in your battle against unbelief?³

5 **In Luke's gospel there is an emphasis on God's concern for hurting people.** Who are some of the hurting people in your world, and how could you share God's love and comfort with them this season?

 How has God met you in your pain recently?

 What's one way you could show concern for hurting people this season?