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## Resources

- Watch or listen to Sunday's sermon: [abfboone.com/sermons](http://abfboone.com/sermons)
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## Luke 1:57-66

57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. 58 And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. 59 And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, 60 but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." 61 And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." 62 And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. 63 And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. 64 And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. 65 And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, 66 and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

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I. The Birth of John (57)

II. The Response to the Birth (58)

III. The Circumcision and Naming (59-63)

IV. The Response to the Naming (64-66)

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## Life Group Leader Notes:





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- Has there ever been a time in your life when you were surrounded by opposition as a believer? Have you ever wondered if the opposition is true? How did you manage those thoughts? What gives you more certain belief in the Christian faith?
  
  - Why is it so important that John's birth is a fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy?
  
  - Consider the meanings of some of the names in the narrative so far. Zecharias means *God remembers*, Elizabeth means *God is faithful*, John means *God is gracious*, and Jesus means *God saves*. How did the lives of these people point to God's attributes in their names?
  
  - Zacharias and Elizabeth were considered righteous before God but Zacharias did not have faith to believe the good news about John. Has there been a time in your life when you are doing all the right things but you struggle to have faith to believe your need for Jesus and his redemptive work on the cross? Has God been gracious to you through these times?
  
  - How have you seen God's grace to you in your life this week? How can we be ministers of His grace as we leave today?
  
  - How can we pray for each other in light of the evidence of God's faithfulness and grace toward us? How can we turn our eyes to look at God's gifts to us, even in stressful and difficult times?

