

Rooted in the Word weekly readings for:

November 24-30, 2014

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through His Word and through the Holy Spirit.

November 24: Read Luke 1:5-25. Luke begins his gospel with the telling of the Zechariah story. If you were telling the story of Jesus to someone where would you begin and why? What does Luke tell us in verses 1-4?

November 25: Read Luke 1:5-25. Focus on verses 5-7. What do these verses tell us about Zechariah and Elizabeth? How do you understand verse 6 about their character and verse 7 about their childless condition? How does this relate to you?

November 26: Read Luke 1:5-25. Focus on verses 8-10. Where is God in these verses? Was Zechariah being chosen by lot a coincidence or the providence of God? How do you read the events of your life as one or the other?

November 27: Read Luke 1:5-25. Focus on verses 11-20. What is the promise spoken by the angel? What is the intent of this act of God as recorded in verse 17? How does this relate to the birth of Jesus? Read the prophecy recorded in Malachi 4:5-6.

November 28: Read Luke 1:5-25. Focus on verses 21-22. Luke says that the people were waiting and wondering. How do these relate to our world as we approach Christmas 2014? What is our role as characterized by Zechariah?

November 29: Read Luke 1:5-25. Focus on verses 23-25. Try to imagine Zechariah telling Elizabeth about his encounter with the angel. How does this relate to us sharing our encounters with God? What resources do you bring to that conversation?

November 30: Read Luke 1:5-25. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.