

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

John, The Linking Prophet

Luke 1:57-80

December 17, 2017

| Sermon Text  | Sermon Notes  |
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| <p><b>Luke 1:57</b> When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. [58] Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. [59] On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, [60] but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.” [61] They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.” [62] Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. [63] He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.” [64] Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. [65] All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. [66] Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, “What then is this child going to be?” For the Lord’s hand was with him.</p> <p>[67] His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: [68] “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. [69] He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David [70] (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), [71] salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— [72] to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, [73] the oath he swore to our father Abraham: [74] to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear [75] in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. [76] And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, [77] to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, [78] because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven [79] to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.” [80] And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.</p> | <p><b>Salvation was announced by John and came through Christ.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Shared rejoicing over God’s mercy (57-58)</li><br/><li>II. The fruit of God’s discipline (59-66)</li><br/><li>III. God’s salvation comes- Zechariah’s Song (67-80)</li></ul> <p><b>Memory verse for 2017-</b></p> <p>Isaiah 48:17</p> <p>Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,<br/>the Holy One of Israel:<br/>“I am the LORD your God, who<br/>teaches you to profit, who leads you in<br/>the way you should go.</p> |

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. What is the value of rejoicing together when God blesses one of our fellow members (see Luke 1:57-58)?

2. How did Zechariah exhibit growth in faith?

3. Discuss this statement from Philip Ryken:

“The words on the tablet showed that God had done a gracious work in Zechariah’s life, bringing the old man to sure and certain faith. At first Zechariah doubted, but God disciplined him in a way that taught him to trust. This is something God often does, and it is always a mercy when he does it. He uses the hard experience of suffering to teach us to trust in him.”

4. Discuss the symbolism of 1:69 and the "horn of salvation".

5. What does Luke 1:72-75 reveal about God's gracious plan for His people? How does it relate to Ephesians 2:5-10?

## Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: