The Dawning of a New Day Luke 1:57-80 Pastor Wes – September 27, 2026

1) The process of choosing a name for a baby can be challenging if not everyone agrees on the choice. Describe for your group the process or processes you (or your parents) have gone through.

2) What risk was there for Elizabeth in rejecting the name expected by her neighbors and relatives?

3) a. What is revealed in Luke's account about how the neighbors and relatives viewed Zacharias? (Consider the moments both before and after the sign God provided.)

b. In the Hebrew language, the name "John" means "Yahweh is a gracious giver". How do Zachariah's words, the first he had spoken in more than 9 months, reveal the condition of his heart? (See verse 64.)

c. What impact did this unusual sign have on the grapevine participants? (See verses 65-66.)

4) a. How does Zachariah describe Israel's physical deliverance?

b. How does he describe the coming spiritual deliverance?

5) Look again at verses 77-79. Do you see yourself in those verses? How did the Lord bring light into the darkness of your life? Share that blessing with your group.