REAP Guide

Guides exist to help followers of Jesus understand and live out Scripture together.

Advent – Dec 6, 2026

READ - *Make observations about the text as you read.*

Read Luke 1:67-79, considering what the Holy Spirit intends to communicate to us.

EXAMINE - *Determine what the texts means.*

- How does Zechariah's song (v.67-79) compare to Mary's song (v.46-55)?
- Why does Zechariah focus on Old Testament figures and prophets in his song?
- V.72 highlights the significance of God's covenant. How would you explain this concept to a new Christian or non-Christian? Why is 'covenant' so important to the storyline of the Bible?
- What is the purpose, or intended result, of God's deliverance according to this passage?
- According to v.76-79, what will be John the Baptist's role in God's story?

APPLY - *Discern how you might apply the text individually and communally.*

- In light of this passage, how would you explain the gospel to someone who knows very little about Jesus?
- How does knowing that God "has visited" his people shape your interactions with him (v.68)?
- Do you trust that God will keep his promises? Why or why not? How could you encourage a fellow believer struggling to have confidence in God?
- Salvation should lead to obedience (v.74-75). Would you say that you are serving the Lord "in holiness and righteousness"? Why or why not? How might reflecting on his faithfulness spur on your obedience?
- God, in his salvation, "give[s] light to those who sit in darkness" (v.79). How can we do that this week?

PRAY - *Talk with God in response to this text.*

- Share prayer requests with your group and pray for one another.
- Praise God, confess sin, and make requests in light of the text.