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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 17 • Session 3

THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH

Zechariah

**HOW DID GOD PLAN TO FIX WHAT SIN BROKE?
BEFORE HE CREATED THE WORLD, GOD PLANNED TO SEND
THE MESSIAH.**

Zechariah was one of the prophets God sent to encourage the people to rebuild the temple. God told Zechariah what would happen in the future, and then Zechariah told the people what God said.

God said, "Return to me, and I will return to you." Then God gave Zechariah eight different visions. In these visions, God shared His future plans for His people and the city of Jerusalem. An angel told Zechariah that God loved His people and would again comfort them. God said, "In mercy, I have returned to Jerusalem; my house will be rebuilt within it."

After these visions, the people came to Zechariah and asked if they should fast like they did every year. They were wanting God to see their fasting and to bless them. The Lord spoke through Zechariah and said, "Here is what you should do: be loving and compassionate to one another. Do not mistreat the widow, the orphan, the immigrant, or the poor. Do not plan evil against one another." God said that even though His people were punished for their sin, He was going to be faithful to save them. Then Zechariah prophesied about the Messiah who would come, saying, "Look, Jerusalem! Your King is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey. He will proclaim peace to the nations." God would wash away people's sin. God would build a new kingdom through the Messiah.

Christ Connection: Zechariah prophesied about the Messiah, saying He would be a humble King who would build a new and better kingdom. Jesus is the Messiah King. Those who trust in Him are forgiven of their sin and welcomed into His kingdom.

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