# The True Story of Elizabeth & Zechariah | True Story - Episode 1 | Pastor Bill

### **Discussion Guide**

# # Summary

The sermon focused on the theme of God's faithfulness and His ability to turn things around in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Pastor Bill highlighted the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth, who despite their struggles with infertility, were chosen by God to be the parents of John the Baptist. This story serves as a reminder that God is always at work, even when we cannot see it, and that our pain can be a part of His greater plan for our lives. Pastor Bill encourages us to trust in God's timing and to praise Him in all circumstances, knowing that He is working for our good.

#### # Ice Breaker

What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish and why?

# # Key Verses

1. Luke 1:5-25 2. Malachi 4:5-6 3. Romans 8:28 4. John 9:1-3

#### # Questions

- 1. What stood out to you the most from the sermon?
- 2. How do you typically respond to challenges or suffering in your life?
- 3. Can you share a time when you saw God turn a difficult situation around?
- 4. What does it mean to you that God is relentless in His love for us?
- 5. How can we praise God even when we are in the 'pit'?
- 6. In what ways can we be more attentive to God's work in our lives?
- 7. How does the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth encourage you in your faith journey? 8. What is one thing you can do this week to trust God more in your current circumstances?

## # Life Application

This week, take time each day to reflect on how God is working in your life. Write down any insights or moments where you see His hand at work, and share these with someone in your group next week.

# # Key Takeaways

- 1. God is always at work, even in our pain and suffering.
- 2. Our pain is not a punishment but can be a part of God's greater plan.
- 3. God's promises are true and He is faithful to fulfill them.
- 4. Praising and trusting in God can transform our perspective in difficult times.
- 5. God's love is relentless and He desires to bring good out of every situation.