



## Week One – Maximum Impact

### CONNECT

- Who has made the biggest impact in your life? How and why?

### WORD

#### **Luke 1:12-17, 1:30-33**

*12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13 But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. 14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. 16 He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”*

*30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”*

### THOUGHT

God created us to make a difference in the world. Psalm 139:13-14 "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Many times as believers we may feel our lives are insignificant. But God's plan is for us to make an impact wherever we are. In your home, business, sports and even the nations. Wherever we may find ourselves. God has a specific call on each individual life to change culture.

## DISCUSSION

1. How would the birth of this son affect Zechariah and Elizabeth?

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2. Describe the child's mission in your own words. Why might Zechariah have doubts?

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3. Of the major characters of this story - with whom do you identify the most? Why?

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4. How is John's mission a model for your mission today? Do you know your mission?

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5. Are you preparing people for the Lord? If yes, what does this look like? If no, how might you start?

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## PERSONAL APPLICATION

- This week spend time understanding the great mission God has us on, starting with John the Baptist to you.
- Share your thoughts on your participation in the preparation of people for God with someone. Pray together as you seek to know where you stand in this process.

## PRAYER

- Pray God gives you clarity as to what mission He has you on
- Ask God to reveal to you the ways He has willed for you to assist in the process of preparing people for Him