



“How Can I Know This?” Presenter: Jim Hammond

Talk It Over

The Certainty week 2 “How Can I Know This?”

I. It's _____ question

II. It is a big step from _____ to

III. Not taking this step produces a _____

SMALL TALK

1. Do you know the meaning of your name? What is your nickname and how did you get it?

VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Luke 1:5-26.** What stands out to you about Zechariah and Elizabeth (1:5-7)? Since many priests never had this opportunity, what feelings might Zechariah have had in preparation for this?
3. Why do you think Zechariah said, “How can I know this?” Why do you think Gabriel responded as he did? Which is more surprising to you, Zechariah's disbelief in view of (1:6), or Gabriel's assessment and response?
4. **READ Luke 1:57-80.** What belief did Zechariah come to when his child was born?

GETTING PERSONAL

5. When was the last time you doubted God? What caused your doubt? What came of it?
6. Where do you think you are on the road map to certainty when the markers are 1) Hear, 2) Believe, 3) Live, 4) Know?
7. How is John's mission like our mission today? How might you “prepare” people for the Lord?

PRACTICE!

- a. What are you grateful for?
- b. What is something God has been showing you this week (in His Word or some other way)?
- c. About the people you are interacting with who do not yet follow Jesus, how can we join you in prayer?
- d. What is keeping you from having a better answer to questions a - c?

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