



Discussion Prompts

The Discussion Prompts are provided to dig deeper into a sermon with the respective title mentioned on the right side of this guide (you can find the sermons at www.manheimbic.org/sermon).

Connect

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. Just arrive after a long week of all kind of things. - Ask: Who are you personally?

Care

Carry each others burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Cry together. Support each other. Pray together. - Ask: How are you doing?

Challenge

Dive into God's word to learn from each others insight. Encourage & challenge each other to a godly life. - Ask: What is God teaching us today?

Study Guide:

In our new Sermon series "The Greatest Adventure" we will get to know people that have discovered and learned that **walking with God is truly an adventure**.

But before we go even any further, let me ask you: *Do you trust God?*

I mean do you really trust God, even with the *impossible*? In our story today a priest named Zechariah really was confronted with what he thought would be *impossible*.

>>Some of us are okay with bad news, but what do you do with **impossible** news? <<

Zechariah & Elisabeth had experienced the tough and painful situation of not having children. For sure they had prayed about it, like Hannah in the Old Testament. For sure they had trusted that God can do the impossible, But over the years it had become somewhat difficult to trust God, or even believe that he can do it. Here is a question:

Do you still trust God? Do you believe that God can change even world's events? He did it in the Bible times, but can he still do it today?

Here is the **first task** for you to be able to explore this somewhat deeper. Ask yourself -and maybe even share with your group- this question: *What is your reason for doubting God?*

-> Past wounds and disappointments? -> Because it defies Logic?

Tell your story, or write it down. What makes it hard to trust God? What made you lose hope?

In your **next step** ask yourself: If God is still the all-powerful God, and if you still want to trust him, *what would it practically look like to CLING to him?* What do you need to say to yourself, write to yourself, or be reminded of?

What attribute of God comes to your mind right now? Write that attribute on a piece of paper and look up a Bible verse that proves that this is really an attribute from God.

If you can't think of an attribute of God can think of a biblical or historical story where God showed himself powerful and trustworthy. Try to remember a story that is similar to your story.

Now, get out a paper and some coloring pencils, and write down the following sentence:

God, I know you have done it before, and you can do it again. I say "Yes"!

Clarify

Know what's to do next, with the studies text, within the group, and in general. Have a mission for the week. - Ask: How do we apply what we have learned?

Celebrate

Celebrate life's success and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to *brag* about God. - Ask: What has God done in our life that deserves praise?

ADVENTURE: Zechariah

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

