

Christmas 2011
The Tender Mercy of Our God

Luke 1:57-80

Key Verse: 1:77-78

1. What did it mean to Zechariah and Elizabeth to have a son? How did this old couple reveal their faith? (57-66) Read verses 67- 68. Why did Zechariah praise God? What does “he has come and has redeemed his people” mean?
2. Read verse 69. What does “horn” imply? (See 2 Sa 22:3; Rev 12:3,9) Why does he call Jesus “the horn of salvation”? Why “raised up in the house of David”? What did God say through his prophets? (70; Is 9:6,7)
3. From what does the horn of salvation save us? (71,74) Who is our enemy? What happens when we are pierced by Satan’s horn? Read verses 72-73. What did God swear to Abraham? (Ge 22:18) How did he fulfill his oath?
4. Read verses 74-75. What is God’s larger purpose in rescuing us? What does it mean to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days?
5. Read verses 76-79. What was the mission of Zechariah’s son? What does it mean that Jesus is the Rising Sun?