

Message #7 | “That We Should Be Saved” | Luke 1:67-80 Todd Dugard | December 15, 2013

WARMING UP

1. Often those who need saving (whether physically or spiritually) don't think they need it. What are some of the reasons Pastor Todd highlighted for this reality? What have you observed?

DIGGING IN

2. *That you should be saved . . . by a God who loves you (1:67-70).* Unpack these descriptions of God's activity: he has “visited [us],” “redeemed his people,” and “raised up a horn of salvation for us.” What do these imagery-laden phrases mean/imply? Which one connects with you the most? Why?
3. *That you should be saved . . . from an enemy who hates you (1:71).* Why is it critical to know your enemy if he/it is to be defeated? What everyday examples come to mind? Who/what is our ultimate enemy? Explain. What is he/it up to?
4. *That you should be saved . . . to a life that fulfills you (1:72-75).* What are some of the things that everyone is looking for in life? How does serving God bring genuine fulfillment? Have you experienced this personally? If not, what step(s) can you take to find real fulfillment in kingdom ministry?
5. *That you should be saved . . . despite the sins that are destroying you (1:76-77).* How has our enemy (our sin) been defeated? Why is forgiveness essential to our salvation? What is the singular sin that keeps us from forgiveness (see also Romans 10:9-11)? Pastor Todd mentioned five marks of a genuine follower of Christ—what are they? Are these evident in your life?
6. *That you should be saved . . . into the light that will lead you (1:78-80).* In what ways is Jesus “the sunrise [who] give[s] light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death”? Explore this statement (see also John 1:5-9; 3:19-21; 8:12). To what degree are you allowing the light to lead you?

BREAKING OUT

7. Pray fervently in two focused ways: (a) that God would renew the joy of your salvation during this Christmas season; and (b) that God would open the spiritual eyes of those in your circles of influence and in our church who are not yet saved.

