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He's Coming! The Pre-Christmas Story

God is worthy to be praised because He is ______

about His _____

- He has ______ His people.
- He saves us from those who _______
- He show us ______
- He delivers us from ______
- God is worthy to be praised because He is ______
 - to His _____
 - He gave promises through ______
 - He made covenants with ______
 - He swore an oath to ______
- God is worthy to be praised because He is ______

in His _____

- John will be ______ of the Most High.
- He will prepare the way for the ______ of the Most High.
- He will declare ______ to the people.
- He will give ______ that leads to ______ for those in darkness and the shadow of death.

- Personal observations from the message.
 - 1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
 - 2. What was something you didn't know or were reminded of?
 - 3. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
 - 4. What is a question you have?
 - 5. What can you share with someone? Who can you share it with?

Discussion questions from the message.

- 1. As we head into the Christmas season, what are some of the reasons you have to praise God this year?
- 2. Read Luke 1:67-75. What are some of the ways this passage shows us that God is concerned for His people?
- 3. How do you know God is concerned about <u>you</u>? What does the Bible teach?

How does your experience reveal that God is concerned about you? (What has he rescued you from? What has He given you? How has He been good to you?)

4. What are some of the promises of God that most encourage you?

Why can we have confidence that God will keep His promises?

What happens when we forget these promises or doubt that God will keep them? Why do we do this so much?

What are things we can to do remember God's promises and to continually trust that He will keep them?

5. Read Luke 1:76-79. What does this passage teach that John will do?

Why are these reasons for hope? For today? For all our tomorrows?