



## **The Women of Christmas Bible Study**

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### **Week 2: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

**Luke 1:19**

**Luke 1:20**

**Luke 1:21**

**Luke 1:22**

**Luke 1:23**

**Luke 1:24**

**Luke 1:25**

## Bring This Story Home

**1. Zechariah's doubt, however honest, meant Elizabeth spent all nine months of her pregnancy with a husband who could not speak or perhaps even hear. In what ways might that lengthy silence have been a challenge for these two—individually and as a married couple? And how might it have been an unexpected blessing?**

**If the Lord silenced you even for a day, what lessons might you learn?**

**2. Consider Psalm 139:13–16, which describes God's participation in forming an unborn child.**

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13*

*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:14*

*My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Psalm 139:15*

*Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:16*

**How might these verses add deeper meaning to Elizabeth's statement, recorded in Luke 1:25, "The Lord has done this for me"?**

**3. Elizabeth's life well illustrates the truth found in this verse: *The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride. Ecclesiastes 7:8***

**If you're patiently (or not so patiently) waiting for the Lord to answer a particular prayer right now, how does Elizabeth's story challenge you? encourage you? convict you? give you hope?**