



Good News **for all people.**

The Gospel of Luke

Week 2 Discussion Questions

Week of 9/4/22

Text: Luke 3:1-22

Icebreaker: What is the biggest event or experience you've prepared for? What was involved (time, money, etc.) in making sure everything was ready?

1. Luke's precision is on display in verses 1-2 of chapter 3. How do you think the details of this description align with what Luke said back in 1:1-4 that we looked at last week?

Application: What does this kind of detail do for you in terms of your confidence in Luke's account? Why?

2. In verse 3, we see that John the Baptist's message was one of repentance. Simply put, *repentance* is a change of mind that leads to a change of behavior. What's an example of a change that should occur when someone encounters the gospel?

Application: What would happen if a person sought to become a Christian without repentance?

3. In verses 4-6, John quotes from Isaiah 40:3-5 to describe his ministry of preparing "the way of the Lord." How do you think the terrain-altering changes depicted here relate to what repentance is like?

Application: What's an example of a change ("repentance") that either took place in your life or in the life of someone you know as you/him/her came to faith in Jesus?

4. In verses 7-14, John confronts the crowds with a call to "Bear fruits in keeping with repentance" and then applies it for specific people. What are some common themes or ideas that you notice in John's instructions?

Application: Think about your own occupation or situation in life. What kind of "fruit" of repentance do you think could apply to you given what John said to others?

5. In a passage of stern warnings and pointed exhortations, verse 18 surprises by calling John's words "good news." What's "good" about John's message?

Application: As John's words prepared the crowds for Jesus' earthly ministry, how could they help us be prepared for the return of Christ?

6. Some claim that, "The Trinity isn't in the Bible." What do you see in verses 21-22 to counter this claim?

Week 2 Final Thought:

Verses 21-22 mark a shift in Luke's account as Jesus is commissioned and John the Baptist's life-long work of preparation for Jesus is complete. At the risk of skipping (far) ahead (e.g., Acts 1:8), we might reflect on how the purpose of our lives is also one of preparation...for Christ's return.