

DAY 4 Read Luke 3:15-20 focusing on John's Real ID.

What was "everyone" expecting about John and how does he clear that up? How does John compare himself to the Messiah and their baptisms? How will the Messiah's baptism involve the Holy Spirit & Fire and what is the purpose according to vs.17? How would like to be more like John from this? Pray for the Spirit & fire to make a difference in you and through you.

DAY 5 Read Luke 3:21-23 focusing on Jesus' Baptism & Family Tree

What do you know about John & Jesus' relationship and when do you think they both knew Jesus was the Messiah? Why is it important for Luke to point out the presence of the Holy Spirit and the Voice of God from heaven at Jesus' baptism? Was it important for Jesus – how? Why did Jesus get baptized and how is that the same or different from you getting baptized? What's the point of the "Family Tree" (vs.23-38)? Pray to be totally in line and deeply rooted in God's Will for your life.



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Part 2

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“Got Faith? Prove It!”

Luke 3

“Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23 NLT

5 Radical Points from John's Preaching...

1. It's time to recognize Who's in charge.

“It was now the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius, the Roman emperor. Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea; Herod Antipas was ruler over Galilee; his brother Philip was ruler over Iturea and Traconitis; Lysanias was ruler over Abilene. Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests...” Luke 3:1-2 NLT

“Pilate demanded. “Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?” Then Jesus said, “You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above...” Jn.19:10-11 NLT

2. It's time for a personal revival of God's Word.

"...At this time, a message from God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the wilderness. Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven." Luke 3:2-3 NLT

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." Heb.4:12 NLT

3. It's time to repent & be baptized in water & fire.

"When the crowds came to John for baptism, he said, 'You brood of snakes! Who warned you to flee the coming wrath? Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire." Luke 3:7-9 NLT

"...I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Luke 3:16 NLT

4. It's time to raise Jesus up to his rightful place in your life.

"One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, 'You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.'" Luke 3:21-23a NLT

5. It's time to realign your life in God's Family.

"Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry. Jesus was known as the son of Joseph. Joseph was the son of Heli...Adam was the son of God." Luke 3:23-38 NLT

DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE _____ Jan.10-15, 2022

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God's guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

DAY 1 Read Luke 3:1-3 focusing on the Rulers of that Time.

Who were the 5 leaders mentioned and what was their role & connection? How would you describe the times for the people of this region back then and how does it compare to us today? Read Jn.19:10-11 and describe the connection to these guys. How do you keep a good perspective about God being in charge of your life and all the circumstances? Pray for God's complete rule in your heart.

DAY 2 Read Luke 3:4-9 focusing on John's Message from God.

How do you connect the Prophet Isaiah with this Prophet, John? What is John's role according to Isaiah? What is the core of John's message to them and you? If John came to your house today, what would he be "shouting" to you? Pray for a new level of radical obedience that proves your faith.

DAY 3 Read Luke 3:10-14 focusing on the Crowd's Question.

What kind of people were coming to be baptized by John according to this section? Based on what John told them, what are some practical ways for you to prove your faith is real? At this point, who should be baptized and why? Describe your baptism and the difference it made in your life. Pray for God's direction to do something helpful, loving or encouraging today. →