

LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

February 4, 2017

Treasuring Christ: Ready Yourself With Repentance

Text: Luke 3

Looking into the Text:

1. What was the setting of when John begins his ministry (3.1-2)? Why does Luke want us to know the context?
2. What marked John's ministry (3.3)? What is repentance and it's relation to baptism and forgiveness of sins?
3. How does John's ministry fulfill the words of the prophet Isaiah (3.4-6)? What picture does Luke want us to have with referring to Isaiah's word and what is the highway that truly brings such change?
4. Why was John calling out the crowd (3.7)? What was he calling them out for and calling them to (3.8-9)?
5. What is specific fruits was John calling the different groups of people to (3.10-14)?
6. What is the significance of what John says about Jesus (3.15-17)?
7. John preaches good news and news about sin and its consequences. What did he call Herod out for and what was the result (3.18-20)?

Looking Deeper:

1. As you think about the different parts of the recipe of repentance what is one that is hard for you (sight of sin; sorrow over sin; confession of sin; shame of sin; hatred of sin; turning from sin)?
2. Reflect on 1 Peter 1.16. How does seeing God more clearly for who He is help us in fight the good fight of faith and winning the battle over sin?
3. Reflect on the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5.22. Which fruit do you need help with right now? Ask the group to pray for you when it comes to bearing that fruit this week.

PRAY:

1. Pray for the group that we would repent and bear fruits of repentance this week.
2. Pray that our church body would repent and bear fruits of repentance.

Do: Take time this week to meet with the Lord and to reflect on 1 Peter 1.16 and Galatians 5.22. Pray to have His character and to flee from sin that you may be struggling with. Practice the six parts to the recipe of repentance. There may be something that you are struggling with right now that you need someone else to know about and to help keep you accountable. Take that bold step, reach out to that fellow Christian and do what it takes.