



Alleluia! Adult Ministries

Sermon-Based Study
for Connect Groups

December 9, 2018

Sermon Series: The Heart of Christmas
Title: The Heart that Prepares
Scripture: Luke 3:1-6

Connecting

Take a moment to introduce yourselves to one another.
Share a “High” and/or “Low” from the past week with the group.

Opening Prayer

Read Today’s Scripture: Luke 3:1-6

Discussion

1. What is your favorite part of preparing for Christmas, and why? What is your least favorite part of preparing for Christmas, and why?
2. What are Christmas preparations that you believe you simply have to do every year, or “It just wouldn’t be Christmas without _____.”
3. John came preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. What do you experience in thoughts and/or feelings when you repent to God of your sins, and feel you have been forgiven by God?
4. John the Baptist was sent by God, as a prophet, to prepare the way for Jesus to begin Jesus’ public ministry. What is one practical thing you can do this Advent Season to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas?
5. The popular Christmas Carol, “Joy to the World,” has the following lyric: *Let every heart prepare Him room*. Pastor Tim said that the heart of Christmas is a heart that makes room for Jesus. If comfortable, share with the group one thing, or things, that you think you need to “clean out,” re-prioritize, and/or push aside in your heart to make room for Jesus this Christmas?

Closing Prayer