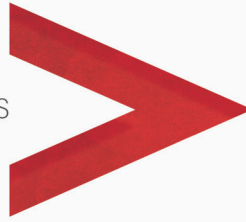


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¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

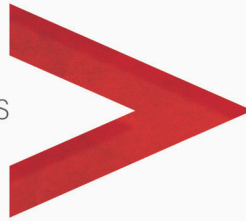
*‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

*⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,*

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

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1. Consider the first time you heard the gospel in a way that resonated with you. How was the message shared with you? How has that experience shaped how you consider sharing the gospel with others?
2. Luke 3:3 describes John the Baptist's calling. List some specific things that God has called you to. Be encouraged, as you make your list, of how God has worked in and through you. What is God calling you to do next? Sharing the gospel? Serving God's people? Something else?
3. Think of the importance of the call of John the Baptist in the history of the church – God had not spoken to His people in 400 years. How should this help us to persevere in prayer? Consider: 2 Peter 3:8-9.
4. Read Romans 8:37-39. Describe the transformation that happens to the lowly after being saved in Christ. How are you encouraged by these verses?
5. Pastor Robbie said that 'the only message in the world that can cause people to go from death to life is the gospel.' How do you see the truths of Luke 3:6-9 spark your passion to share the gospel – especially heading into Christmas? Read Matthew 7:21-23 for a reminder on how important true faith in Jesus Christ is. Read Matthew 28:18-20 for a reminder that sharing the gospel is not optional for the believer in Christ.
6. Consider the phrase 'less is more'. In what areas of your life are you trying to become more, on your own strength? Consider John 3:30; Matthew 20:27-28 in your answer.
7. Together as a group, read Isaiah 40:1-8. When you consider your own circumstances, how do these verses spur you on to trust in God's faithfulness, even in the midst of a lions' den?
8. Read Luke 3:2. How has God been speaking to you this week through His Word or prayer? Are you giving the Lord enough of an opportunity to speak to you?