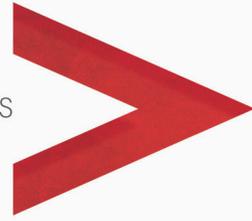


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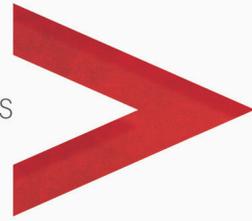
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*<sup>2</sup>Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples<sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:<sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.<sup>6</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?<sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.<sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.<sup>10</sup> This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."<sup>11</sup> Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.*

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1. Why do you think people consider Jesus and then “look for another”?
2. Re-read **Ecclesiastes 7:13**. Can you think of something in your life that God has made “crooked” for your best?
3. Read **Malachi 3:6**, and **James 1:17**. What truth about God and his character is found in these verses? If this is true about God, what is the root behind our doubts and discouragements?
4. Read **Isaiah 35:5–6**, and **61:1**. Why is Jesus’ answer to John’s disciples in verse 5 so perfect, and so potentially encouraging?
5. Taking what you’ve learned, consider that you have a close friend struggling with discouragement this Christmas and you would like to encourage them. How would you go about doing this?
6. After what you’ve discussed, do you believe that discouragement is a sin? What about doubt?
7. Read **2 Timothy 2:13**, **Deuteronomy 31:6-8**, **Numbers 23:19**, and **Philippians 1:6**. What fantastic truth do these verses add to the discussion as we wrestle with doubts and despairs?
8. What do you think of this statement?  
*“The answer to discouragement and despair in the life of the believer is to pray harder and read their Bibles more.”*
9. As your time as a group closes, share some names of people in your life that you can pray for this Christmas season, that they would meet Jesus and find true life in him.

*“The least in the gospel stands on the higher ground than the greatest under the law”*  
**Charles Spurgeon**