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THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

PREPARE THE WAY



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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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LUKE 1

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GETTING STARTED

- Consider the story of Zechariah in Luke 1. If you were unable to speak for nine months, what would be the first words you would say when you finally could speak again?
- After remaining silent for nine months, Zechariah finally spoke. What did he say and how did the crowd react? How would you have responded if you were there?

INTO THE WORD

READ: LUKE 3:1-20

John the Baptist preached ‘a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins’ (v.3) and this was ‘good news’ (v.18). He emphasised repentance and bearing the fruits of repentance.

- What are the actions that John the Baptist identified as fruits of repentance? How do they evidence a repentant heart?
- As you look at the dialogue in verses 10-14, what do you find out about these people? What are they like in everyday life? What is John emphasising about genuine repentance? What would practical repentance look like for us today?

GOING DEEPER

- John the Baptist spoke about the need to make the crooked paths straight and the rough places smooth. In light of this teaching, what are some areas of your life that you consider to be "crooked" or "rough"? How would you define repentance in relation to this study? What steps could you take to repent and make things right in these areas?
- Like, John the Baptist - in what ways do you prepare the way for Jesus in the lives of those around you?

PRAY TOGETHER AS A GROUP