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The Message We Need To Hear!

Luke 3:1-20

The message we NEED to hear vs. the message we WANT to hear!

~ Repent

Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. vs. 3

~ Take Personal Responsibility

"Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God." vs. 8a

~ Judgment is Coming

"Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire." vs. 9

If this message is communicated effectively, this should be the response:

"What do I need to do?" →

The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

vs. 10

Application



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Go Deep Study Guide

The Message We Need

Luke 3:1-20

Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group. If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read Luke 3:1-20. Try comparing two different translations.

Was there anything surprising or new that you learned? What was most meaningful or significant for you? Why?

Were you shocked by the style of John the Baptist's preaching?
Were you surprised by the results he got? Why or why not?

Verse 2 of our passage informs us that John got his message from God. Discuss as a group God's promise in **Isaiah 55:11**. Relate this promise to our passage.

What was the first part of John's message? What does it mean to *repent*?

What's the message that we (and the world) would rather hear?

What does Scripture say about the human condition and our need for God? List and discuss verses that come to mind.

What does baptism reflect/represent? Does baptism save us? Explain

How did John the Baptist *prepare the way of the Lord*? How can we *prepare* the way for God?

What's the result (in verse 6) of faithfully proclaiming the message that God gives us/has given us?

What was the second part of John's message (point #2 on the sermon outline)? What did John warn against in verse 8 of our passage? What are some ways that we tend to fall into the same trap of wrong thinking?

Read & discuss **Romans 14:10-12**. What does it say? What does it mean?

What do **Romans 3:19-20** & **Galatians 3:22-24** teach us about the purpose of the Law?

What was the final part of John's message?

What was the response of the crowds in verse 10? Talk about God's faithfulness in fulfilling His Word & promises!

Application

What's one way that you can practice what you've learned? Who will help you & hold you accountable?

Prayer

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to the CBC staff. {prayer@cbcventura.org}