



Resources

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Luke 3:7-14

[7] He 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? [8] Bear 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. [9] Even 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."

[10] And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" [11] And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." [12] Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" [13] And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." [14] Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

Sermon Outline:

- I. The Need of Repentance (7-9)
- II. The Fruit of Repentance (10-14)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- Would John the Baptist have fit well in your life group? Would his message inspire your group or discomfort your group?
- People were flocking to the Judean wilderness to hear the fiery message of the prophet. They expected to hear a sermon on deliverance from Roman oppression, but John zeroed in on a greater need: oppression from sin. Where is your focus? Are you more concerned about personal holiness or satisfaction in life? A right relationship with God, or an easier life?
- John also told them how to repair their relationship with the Lord. But surprisingly, he didn't tell the crowd to perform a single religious ritual. He told them to *repent*. The gospel is always aimed at our heart. When you try to get right with God, do you tend to focus on your heart or your behavior (going to church, reading your Bible, etc.)?
- The gospel includes bad news. Pastor Scott said that any gospel that does not present the need is no gospel at all. Do you tend to skip over this when you tell people about the saving work of Jesus? When was the last time you talked about sin to a non-believer? If so, how did that go? If you have never done this, what might be holding you back?
- When John presented the need for repentance, the crowds asked, "What shall we do?" This will be a common question in Luke's gospel (Luke 10:25, Acts 2:37; 22:1). Repentance comes with new behaviors. If someone asked you what they should do after they repented, what advice would you give them? Would it be similar to John's advice? Why or why not?
- John focused on money/possessions in all three cases. Is this surprising to you? If you had known that the fruit of repentance was giving away your stuff, would you have still been eager to repent?
- Did John's instructions convict you this week? What should you do in light of this week's sermon?

