
Small Group Questions

Accountability *(ask one)*

Inviting people to Know Christ - Are you learning to be intentional about sharing Jesus with neighbors? Are you praying for a 3:1:M friend? How are they doing? Are you reaching your group and individual goals in this area?

Keeping connected to Christ - Are you building an interactive relationship with God? In your private prayer and devotional time, what are you learning or experiencing? How are you Knowing Christ in worship? Are you reaching your group and individual goals in this area?

Moving to serve with Christ - Are you showing up? How are you making community and teamwork important to your life? How's your commitment to small group and worship going? Are you your gifts to serve the Community surrounding us?

Open / Scripture

1. You are producing a play with someone from your family or small group in the role of a fiery street preacher. Who would you cast in that role, and why?
2. What is the most unusual religious service you ever attended?

Observation

1. As you read this passage (*Luke 3:1-20*) what verse, phrase, or picture jumps out at you, causes you to celebrate, raises questions, or clarifies something?
2. Why does Luke list all the political and religious figures in verses 1-2?
3. How would you describe John's message and style?
4. What's radical about John's message? What does the "root" and "fruit" signify (v. 9)? Is he advocating social upheaval? Or inner transformation? Is he preaching or meddling? Why? Why would anyone go out of their way to hear such a preacher?
5. Why is John confused with Christ (v. 15)? By contrast, how does John differentiate himself and his ministry? What does the "wheat" and "chaff" signify (v. 17)?
6. What is the beginning of the end for John's ministry (vv. 19-20)? What does this illustrate about John?

Apply

1. Who have been the "John the Baptists" in your life – people who have shown you the way, led you to Christ and encouraged you?
2. If you asked John, "What should we do?" how would he answer?
3. What one action will you take this week to produce fruit in keeping with your repentance?
4. How can you emulate John's attitude toward Jesus as seen in verse 16?

Prayer

1. Who can you bless with this information?
2. What do you need to discuss with your life group?
3. What can we pray with you about? (What does the Spirit need to heal? What does the Spirit need to embolden?)