

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Scripture: Luke 3:15-22



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is the beloved Son of God who identified with humanity and fulfilled his mission to redeem sinners from judgment and reconcile them to the Father.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- How did John prepare the way for Christ's coming and his ministry? Are you living in a way that points others to Christ?
- Why did the people ask John if he was the Christ? How did John respond?
- Discuss the four ways John teaches that Jesus is superior:
 - **Jesus is *mightier* than John** (verse 16; Isaiah 11:2; Jeremiah 50:34). How will Jesus use his might (Luke 11: 21-22)?
 - **Jesus is *more worthy* than John** (verse 16). What illustration did John use to communicate Jesus' infinite worth?
 - **Jesus brings a *greater baptism*** (verse 16; 1 Corinthians 12:13). What is the twofold nature of Jesus' baptism that John references?
 - **Jesus brings *judgment*** (verse 17; John 3:18). How has God graciously provided an escape from his righteous judgment?
- What was John's cost of preaching the good news? How do we remain faithful to the mission even when despised and rejected by others?
- Why was the sinless Son of God baptized (Matthew 3:13-15; Isaiah 53:12)?
- Where do we see a display of the redeeming work of the Triune God (verses 21-22)? What do the Father's words of affection and approval to Jesus teach us about their relationship? Discuss how Jesus procured our favor with God through his meritorious atoning work.