

## QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you felt like you were in a “spiritual desert” and the Lord spoke to your heart.

2. How would you describe “repentance” to an unbeliever?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about repentance:

- a) II Chronicles 7:14
- b) Proverbs 28:13
- c) Matthew 4:17
- d) Acts 3:19
- e) Romans 2:4
- f) II Peter 3:9
- g) I John 1:9

4. How did John the Baptist illustrate repentance in practical terms?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)

- I am going to ask the Lord to reveal any areas in my life where repentance is necessary. I am going to ask a close friend for help identifying those areas.
- I am going to share the Gospel with another person this week.
- I am going to memorize I John 1:9.

Cornerstone Church  
Luke 3:1-20

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## ***The Messenger of the Messiah***

### **I. Introduction**

A. The Passion of George Whitefield

B. The Silence of God

(See Malachi 4:5-6; Luke 1:5-25; Luke 1:65-66; Luke 1:80; Luke 3:15)

### **II. The Messenger of the Messiah**

A. The Time of John

(See Luke 3:1-2; John 18:13; Matthew 3:1-2)

B. The Message of John

(See Luke 3:3-6; Matthew 3:4; Luke 1:17; II Kings 1:7-8; Luke 20:1-8; John 1:25-28; Acts 19:1-5; Acts 1:5; Acts 2:1; I Corinthians 12:13; Isaiah 40:3-5)

C. The Warning of John

(See Luke 3:7-8; Matthew 23:33; Acts 4:12; Luke 3:9; James 2:19; Luke 6:46; Matthew 7:21-23)

#### D. The Response to John

(See Luke 3:10-14; Luke 10:27; Leviticus 19:18;  
Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8;  
Matthew 22:37-38; Matthew 22:17-21; Romans 13:7)

#### E. The Explanation of John

(See Luke 3:15-17; Luke 1:65-66; Luke 1:80; Luke 20:6;  
Matthew 11:11; John 1:6-8; John 1:19-20; Luke 3:15-17)

#### F. The Imprisonment of John

(See Luke 3:18-20; Matthew 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29;  
Luke 9:7-9)

### III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

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### Passage of Study

Luke 3:1-20

<sup>1</sup> Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight. <sup>5</sup> ‘Every ravine will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be brought low; The crooked will become straight, And the rough roads smooth; <sup>6</sup> And all flesh will see the salvation of God.’”

<sup>7</sup> So he *began* saying to the crowds who were going out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds were questioning him, saying, “Then what shall we do?” <sup>11</sup> And he would answer and say to them, “The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup> And *some* tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, “Collect no more than what you have been ordered to.” <sup>14</sup> *Some* soldiers were questioning him, saying, “And *what about* us, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse *anyone* falsely, and be content with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup> Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he was the Christ, <sup>16</sup> John answered and said to them all, “As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup> So with many other exhortations he preached the gospel to the people. <sup>19</sup> But when Herod the tetrarch was reprimanded by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the wicked things which Herod had done, <sup>20</sup> Herod also added this to them all: he locked John up in prison.