

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

Good to Great LUKE 3:15-20 | JUNE 1 & 2, 2013

Last week the sermon focused on the introduction to John the Baptist and his clear call to repent, be baptized and bear fruit in keeping with repentance. Today, we continue to focus on John as he points to Christ, who is greatest of all.



Watch this week's summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Share with others about a time you received some good news in your life? "It's a girl..." "Congratulations..." "You won..." "I want to marry you..." (This is not meant to be The Good News)



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

The sermon described three types of Messianic prophecy – king, suffering servant, mystical figure. How do we see Jesus fulfilling all three?

John points to Jesus' greatness in Luke 3:16 and states that "[Jesus] will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." Discuss the double meaning here and share about foot-washing and the Kinsman Redeemer. (Consider further John 13 and Ruth 4)



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

What is The Good News and why is it good? What does the good news show about God's character?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Share how you first came to understand the Good News? Have you responded to God's invitation? If so share your story with others in your group. If not, what prevents you from making that decision?

Where do you have opportunities to share your story of faith? With whom could you share The News?

ON YOUR OWN



PRACTICING

Share your journey of faith with someone outside your group.



PRAYING

Father, though we are not worthy to untie your sandals, you still love us as your own. In fact, you love us so much you sent us your own with Good News that we could respond to you and enjoy you forever. I pray that I live with your heart and find courage to share your Good News with others.



MEMORIZING

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)