

For Everyone

Discussion Questions 1/12/20

Reminder:

As we continue to work through the gospel of Luke, we are challenging you to set four spiritual goals in the month of January for 2020.

Week 1 - What Will I Fill My Mind With? Pick one *Bible-Based* thing to add.

Week 2 - What Will I Cut Out Of My Life? Pick one unhelpful thing to remove.

Week 3 - Who Will I Spend My Time With? Pick one Christian person or group to join.

Week 4 - Who Will I Reach Out To? Pick one person to reach out to.

Getting Started:

- 1) Do you tend to keep what you should throw away, or throw away what you should keep? Explain.
- 2) We described our 2nd challenge on Sunday as *Taking Out The Trash: Identifying and removing one sinful or unhelpful thing from your life to follow Jesus better.* What are examples of things that aren't sinful but also aren't helpful to our relationship with God?

Digging Deeper: (Read Luke 3:1-18)

- 3) In verse 3 John is preaching a “baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” Is Luke saying that John’s baptism forgives people of sins? Explain.
- 4) Take each facet of the following definition of true repentance and discuss what false repentance might be.

True repentance is a lifelong sorrow for sin for *what it is* and not just *what it does*. A sorrow, in which a person takes personal ownership of sin, acknowledges God’s righteous anger against it, renounces all religious attempts to excuse or fix it. A sorrow that compels a person to rely solely on Jesus’ work to save them from it and on the Holy Spirit’s power to impart a love for God that hates it as a rival in their hearts. And therefore they will live a life hating & fighting sin’s power & presence in their life as long as it’s around.

- 5) In verse 8, John prepares people by demanding, “*Bear fruits in keeping with repentance.*” What does that mean and how does this prepare them and us?
- 6) In verses 8-9, John prepares people by warning them not to say “*We have Abraham as our father...*” What is his point? How does this prepare them and us?
- 7) Read verses 15-17. John the baptizer and Jesus the baptizer are different. In what ways are they different? Read Galatians 3:19-27, Rom. 3:20; 7:7-14; 8:3-4 for help.

Putting It Into Practice:

- 8) Commit the 2nd challenge to prayer.