



Week 2

Sermon Series: Light Dawns Darkness Trembles

Sermon Title: Give Us Repentant Hearts Pt 2.

Sermon Text: Luke 3:10-20

Group Week of: June 4, 2023

Sermon Date: June 11, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Giving Generously – 2 Cor 9:6-11
Day 2	Loving Our Neighbor – Matt 22:34-40
Day 3	Parable of the Tax Collector – Lk 18:9-14
Day 4	John & Jesus – John 1:19-34
Day 5	Baptism – Romans 6:1-14

The Text: Luke 3:10-16

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson (lessons) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) What giving principle is John instructing in verse 11?
- 3) What might baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire mean?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Case Study: Jenny is a Christian in your life group. She has a self-admitted problem with materialism. When life is tough, she has a bad day at work, or even when she is just bored, she finds herself scrolling through Amazon looking for something to buy. Every purchase makes her feel a little better, and she loves her near daily deliveries from the UPS guy. Her purchases aren't hurting her family, as they have no debt and her children are already well established. Even though she repents often of the sin of materialism, she still finds herself back on Amazon all the time buying things she doesn't need to make herself feel a little better. What sort of advice, counsel, or even admonishment would you give to your friend Jenny?

- 2) The fruit of repentance is the hardest part of repentance. John reminds us that repentance isn't a single moment of guilt and change, but a continuing life of change and new fruits. What does Christ provide for us in the gospel to help bring about lasting change, rather than momentary guilt?

- 3) John's instruction that anyone with two shirts should give one away to the person who has none is deeply convicting. Is this an over-simplification of what generosity and love are supposed to look like? Or is this an actual lifestyle that each of us should be actively cultivating? Discuss this with your life group.

- 4) Tax collecting had come to be viewed as an inherently sinful occupation. However, John does not tell tax collectors to quit their jobs; rather, he instructs them to carry out their job in a righteous way. Are there other jobs that people have that we think are inherently sinful but can actually be carried out in a righteous way? Try to think of some examples and discuss them with your group.

- 5) Soldiers are not told to stop working for Rome. Instead, they are told not to abuse their authority for dishonest gain. What does this say about Christian service in the police or in the military in America? What about Christian service in the military or police of a country like China or Iran?

- 6) John's preaching was so effective in the hearts of people they began to wonder if *he* was the Messiah. But John explains that he is only baptizing with water. The Messiah will come to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. How have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit and fire? What does this baptism mean and what should the effect be in your life?