

Life Group Questions

Getting Started

1. The “Hope” candle is lit on the first week of Advent. Tell a story about something you hoped for. Were you satisfied or disappointed?

Sermon

2. 1Corinthians 13, the “Love Chapter,” closes with, “Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love” (v 13). Describe what the Bible means when it speaks of each of these:
 - Faith

 - Hope

 - Love

Scripture

Read Luke 1:13-17

3. The angel Gabriel tells Zechariah he and his wife Elizabeth will have a son and he is to name him John. God has a special purpose for John. What exactly is that purpose?

4. Verse 17 says John is to “make ready for the Lord a people prepared” for the coming of Jesus the Messiah. How do you prepare people to meet Jesus?

Study

Read Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Romans 15:12-13

5. How do these verses connect with hope at Christmas?

6. When you follow God, you put your hope in God. Without God, what in this world provides hope?

Read Luke 3:7-9

7. John begins to prepare people to meet Jesus in this passage. What do you think of his method?

8. Apparently he was pretty effective (look at verses 10-14). Why do you think his message worked?
 - Would this same message be effective today, or should we proclaim something a bit different? If so, what?

Taking It Home

9. In what ways are you prepared to meet Jesus?

- What more should you be doing to be better prepared?

- What more can you do to better prepare others?

Prayer

How can your Life Group be praying for you this week?

Announcements

- Men's Breakfast, Saturday, December 8, 8:00am
- Chick Chat, Sunday, December 9, 5:30pm at the Price home

Deck the Halls

Luke 1:5-17

Sermon Notes

All _____ point to Christmas

We don't _____ in order to _____,
we _____ in order to _____

Are you a _____ pointing to Jesus?

