

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, May 2nd

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Community Groups have two options this week.

The first goes into details of the Luke 3:1-6 sermon. The second expands on baptism (which is connected to the sermon).

Option 1

1. Is the Bible accurate historically?
2. Why was John the Baptist's ministry shocking to the Jewish people?
3. What is baptism?
4. John called for people to repent. Is repentance important?
5. Since repentance and believing in Christ lead to salvation, is baptism important or not?
6. What made John great?

Option 2

1. What was the purpose of the ministry of John the Baptist and what role did baptism play in that ministry?
2. Why was John the Baptist's ministry shocking to the Jewish people?
3. What is the difference between:
 - a) Christian baptism?
 - b) John's Baptism?
 - c) Infant Baptism?
 - d) Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
 - e) Baptism of repentance?
4. Can you have water baptism without being baptized by the Holy Spirit? Can you have the baptism of the Holy Spirit without being baptized in water?
5. Verse 3. What is meant by the statement "A baptism of repentance for (or "because of") the forgiveness of sins"?
6. Verse 4. How was John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord?
7. What are we as Christians today supposed to be doing, if anything, to prepare people for the coming of the Lord?

The Voice in the Wilderness

Luke 3:1-6

Series #12

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: "**The Voice in the Wilderness.**" All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. In some countries today, who is held in high esteem and revered?
2. In Bible times, the king was almost always preceded by his what?
3. Who was the herald/forerunner for the Lord Jesus Christ?
4. How many years of silence are there between the end of Luke 2 and the beginning of chapter 3?
5. How many years of silence had there been in Israel since there had been a prophet to speak for God?
6. Some people actually believe "John the Baptist" is a what?
7. The real reason why John the Baptist is referred to by that name is because of what?
8. There were no what in John's day?
9. Whose plan was it for John to go around preaching repentance and dunking in water the people who had repented?
10. From Luke 7:24-30 we learn that it was God's will for the people of that day to what?
11. The Pharisees and lawyers rejected what for themselves?
12. Why does Bryan emphasize that point from Luke 7:24-30?

13. Matthew tells us that John based his ministry where?
14. John chose to baptize people about how far from Jerusalem?
15. When things are too easy, it is common for us to do what?
16. Luke mentioned how many Romans and Jewish leaders who didn't follow Christ but were discussed in other historical records?
17. How many real places did Luke mention?
18. When you read the Bible, you are reading what kind of history?
19. Who replaced Herod's brutal, ineffective son as governor of Judea?
20. Who had more power: Deposed Annas or High Priest Caiaphas?
21. The good news of forgiveness is not connected to or dependent upon what?
22. It is what that leads to repentance, not baptism?
23. The right message that the disciples were to preach was that people need to do what and they'll have remission or forgiveness of sin?
24. Repentance results in forgiveness of sins because true repentance also involves what?
25. What is an external symbol of an internal reality?
26. The people of Nineveh repented because of what?
27. Repentance involves the change of what three things?
28. Have you personally repented of your sins?
29. Verse 4 is a quote from what chapter in the Old Testament, outlining John's mission, hundreds of years in advance?
30. John was to clear the path of what for the king?
31. What was the one obstacle blocking the king and his kingdom?
32. John is the voice but Jesus is the what?
33. Did Jesus and John preach the same message?
34. Luke wanted to emphasize the what of the gospel?
35. Jesus came first to the what?
36. Who are the "other sheep" referred to in John 10:16?
37. God's great plan was to bring Jew and Gentile together into one new flock called the what?
38. Luke tells us that all flesh shall see what?
39. According to Scripture, we are what without Christ?
40. What three things made John the Baptizer so great?
41. How has the Lord spoken to your heart in this message?