

THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

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The Gospel of Luke | Luke 3:7-20

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S U M M A R Y

This week Matt explored John's messages to his listeners about how Jesus will come with judgement on Israel and how they are to get ready for it. John uses two common motifs – 1) the cutting down and burning of a bad tree, and 2) harvest - to describe what this judgement will be like. He challenges his audience to have fruit in line with repentance, lives of justice and righteousness.

R E A D

Luke 3:7-20 | Micah 6:6-8 | Malachi 3:1-5

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read,

D I S C U S S

- 1) What sticks out to you from this passage?
- 2) Micah 6:8 says "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." How do we see these values played out in this passage?
- 3) The prophets make it clear that acting justly is a deep value of God for his people, is this value something that people today would say is a value of Christianity? Why or why not?
- 4) Luke describes John's message of judgement as good news, what do you see as good news in his message?

- 5) Think about what you know about Jesus' ministry in the gospels, how do you see we see him pronouncing judgement and who and what do we see him judging?
- 6) How might Jesus be inviting our church to to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with him?

R E S P O N D

Jesus how are you inviting me personally to bear fruit in keeping with repentance? Where do my actions need to come in line with the way of your kingdom?

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Ask the Spirit to grow his fruit of repentance in you, bless one another in the name of Jesus with the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and the words of Micah 6:8.

i.e. I bless you, _____, to have the Spirit grow his love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control in you. I bless you in the name of Jesus to act justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

