**PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD**

Luke 3:1-20

Key Verse: 3:4b “A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

1. What do the political and religious leaders whom Luke mentions tell us about the political and religious situation in the times of John? (1-2) How did call John as his messenger to challenge the times? (2; cf. Matthew 3:4)

2. What does Isaiah’s prophecy tell us about John’s ministry? (4-6) How does the baptism of repentance prepare the way for the Lord? (3-4)

3. How did John rebuke those who are complacent? (7-9)

4. What does the fruit in keeping with repentance mean to each person? How can you apply this to yourself? (10-14)

5. What did many people think about John? (15) How did John answer this and introduce Jesus? (16,17) What can we learn here about Jesus? How can this message of repentance and judgment be good news? (18)