

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP TALKING.

- Who is the best public speaker you can think of? Why?
- What's the best message you've heard from a speaker? Why?

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- John the Baptist was a unique individual to prepare the way for Jesus.
Do you remember any stories about him?
- Read Luke 3:1-6. What is John's purpose in his ministry?
- Read Luke 3:7-9. What is the content of John's message?
- The Christian life is not only about repentance but it is nothing less than that (NT Wright).
- Do you think you would have been receptive to his message? Why or why not?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read Luke 3:10-14. What are some practical ways this passage tells us to live to show we have indeed repented, chosen to live the way God wants us to?
- Read Luke 3:15-16. What is John's response to people who thought he was the Messiah?
- Is it exciting, scary, or something else to know that Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit and with fire?
- If you have never been baptized or want to reaffirm your baptism, consider now may be the time to say yes.

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- *Pray openly and honestly: Lord Jesus, we are inspired, challenged and convicted by John's life. May we speak honestly, plainly and directly with You and with those that we deeply love and care about. Help us to live lives that we show we have indeed repented of our sin by caring for others and treating others honestly and fairly. Amen.*

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- To learn more about John's life and purpose, check out this five-day devotional:
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/17980-john-the-baptist-prepare-for-what>