

Session



Personal Study Guide

Prepare the Way

December 6, 2020

Introduction

? What is the purpose of a lighthouse? What might prohibit a lighthouse from fulfilling its purpose?

? In what way should followers of Christ act as “lighthouses” to those around them?

1. Sacrificial (Luke 3:1-2)

? According to Luke 1:2, where did John the Baptist conduct his ministry? What other light does Matthew 3:4-6 shed on John’s ministry and living?


? Why did John live as he did? What made John sacrifice so much to fulfill his mission? How are all followers of Jesus called to live like John the Baptist did to some degree?

? Application: Where do you need to sacrifice for the sake of following Jesus?


2. Bold (Luke 3:3)


? What evidence do we have of John’s boldness from these verses?


? Where is there a need for Christian boldness today?

 Application: Where do you have a need for boldness for Christ's sake? How might you seek this boldness from Him rather than seeking to stir it up yourself?


3. Humble (Luke 3:4-6)

 What did John the Baptist reveal about his mission in verses 11-12? What made John the Baptist humble?

 How would you define humility? Why is it important for Christians to be humble?

 Application: Where do you need to grow in humility? How does further reflection on the gospel help us to do this?

Conclusion

 Would you say you regularly sacrifice for the sake of Christ? What do you need to sacrifice this Advent season that others might hear the truth about Jesus?

 How might you seek boldness to pursue gospel conversations with those around you during the Christmas season? What makes this difficult for you?

 How might true humility give us further opportunities to point others to Jesus?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Matthew 3:1-12
- Tuesday - 1 Peter 3:15
- Wednesday - Romans 1:16

- Thursday - Psalm 96:3
- Friday - Romans 6:23
- Saturday - 2 Corinthians 5:20