



JESUS

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PART 14: **JOHN'S MESSAGE**

Matthew 3:7-12; Mark 1:7-8; Luke 3:7-18

JOHN'S MESSAGE WAS TWO-FOLD:

1. **REPENT!** (*Matthew 3:1-10; Luke 3:1-9*)

2. **TEND** to the Tree. (*Luke 3:10-15*)

Tending the Tree...

A. Be **GENEROUS**. *(Luke 3:10-11)*

B. Be **SELFLESS**. *(Luke 3:10-11)*

C. Be **HONEST**. *(Luke 3:12-13)*

D. Be **HUMBLE**. *(Luke 3:14)*

E. Be **CONTENT**. *(Luke 3:14)*

Galatians 5:22-23

22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

On THAT day, you'll be recognized by your **FRUIT**.

(Matthew 3:11-12; Luke 3:16-18; Matthew 7:15-23)

What type of fruit are you bearing?

HOMework



Open Your Group in Prayer.

Use this as a guide, you don't have to answer every question in your group.

1. Why did so many come to hear John (**Luke 3:7**), when his message was one of repentance, and must have sounded negative?
2. Many people fall into the trap of believing that they are right with God simply because of their pedigree. "I've always gone to church." "I've always served in the church." "My family has been connected at this church for my entire life." Have you ever said or thought that about yourself?
3. **Matthew 3:10** talks about trees bearing fruit. Can you find a similar reference elsewhere in Matthew?
4. What do the following passages tell us about the importance of bearing fruit: **Psalm 92:14; Hosea 14:8; John 15:1-5; Galatians 5:22-23**?
5. **Read Luke 3:8-9**. What fruit does your life show?
6. Pastor Josh talked about the difference between "bearing fruit" and "hanging fruit". What did he mean?
7. John was not content to baptize; he wanted to see changed lives. Do our lives today show that we really understand 'repentance'?
8. We all have surplus goods; how can we apply **Luke 3:11** today?
9. If our entire church was exactly as generous with their time as you are, how much ministry would get done? How many people would meet Jesus?
10. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7**. If our entire church was exactly as generous with their talent and gifts as you are, how would others be blessed and the church built up?
11. If our entire church was exactly as generous financially as you are (think in terms of a percentage that you give), how would we be doing financially?
12. **Read Luke 3:14**. Should all people be content with their wages?
13. **Read Galatians 5:22-23**. How do you "tend the tree" to bear more fruit in each of these areas of your life? (**See 1 Timothy 4:6-16**)
14. **Read Matthew 7:15-23**. Jesus says that we will all be recognized by our fruit. What does the fruit in your life reveal—a healthy tree or a diseased tree?

6:7 family questions

A few weeks ago we learned that “repent” means to turn from your sin and turn to God. When we repent, we do our best to stop sinning, but we also need to replace sin with good things. This was what John preached to the people.

Read Luke 3:10-14

John showed the people better ways they could live as they followed God. Those are listed below. Discuss ways you can live out each of these in your own life.

BE GENEROUS (vs. 11)

BE HONEST (vs. 12-13)

BE KIND (vs. 14)

BE CONTENT (vs. 14)

Pray together and ask God to show you sin you need to repent of and ways you can follow him.

These simple questions are designed to help you live out the command in Deuteronomy 6:7 to teach our kids and make God's Word a natural topic of conversation in our homes. Use them at the dinner table, in the car, or whenever you find your family together with a few moments to spare.

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2014

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.

Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.

NOTE: *Due to the sensitive nature of some items on the Prayer Guide, we do not publish it online. Email the church office to sign up for the email prayer list: office@wawaseebible.com*