

Life Application Questions

Consider the following sermon-based questions for your individual study or with a group of folks like one of the several Life Groups available at Chilson Hills.

Foundational Scripture:

Luke 3:15-22

Featured Scripture Reflection

“After all the people were baptized, Jesus was baptized. As he was praying, the sky opened up and the Holy Spirit, like a dove descending, came down on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: “You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life.” (Luke 3:21-22, The Message)

Opening Icebreaker

If you were producing a family drama, who would you cast in the role of John the Baptist?

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- What is radical about John’s message?
- How is John’s message both spiritually and politically important?
- What is significant about John’s baptism?
- How does John’s message to the people illustrate the kind of repentance John is calling for?

How is your life touched?

- Who are the “John The Baptists” in your life—people who have shown you the way to Christ, encouraged you, even given you a loving kick in the pants when you needed it?
- In today’s world, what might John the Baptist say to you that needs doing to share Christ’s love and call people to repentance?
- What is one action you can do this week to make a difference for Christ?
- What is one action your group can do this week to make a difference for Christ?

What is God’s invitation to you?

- This is a challenging portion of Holy Scripture. What is God calling you to do that will engage life? How can you actually, in real life, step up for Jesus? Think of some ways and then pray for each one of them as a group this week.

What can you pray for?

Pray that Chilson Hills will be a New Community of God’s incredible love—actually living and sharing God’s love with each other and with all persons whom the Holy Spirit brings into the community.