

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

CHRISTMAS—THE VOICE

Mark 1:1-8; 9; Luke 3:1-20; John 1:1-8
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MEMORY VERSE

“And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” (Mark 1:7–8, ESV)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

What does it look like to be a good witness of Jesus? Describe the last time you saw someone serving as a good witness of Jesus? What stood out to you?

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The Old Testament contains many prophecies about the Messiah, of which Jesus fulfilled every one. Some Bible scholars claim that there are over 300 such prophecies. Some of these prophecies pointed to a forerunner (Is. 40:3) or messenger (Mal. 3:1) in the spirit of Elijah (Mal. 4:5) that would prepare a way for the Messiah.

According to both Jesus (Matt. 11:13-14; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 16:16) and John the Baptist himself (John 1:23), John was both the promised messenger sent to prepare the way for Jesus and the last and greatest of the prophets (as the Old Testament understood them) that pointed toward the Messiah.

Read Mark 1:1-8.

- How did John prepare the way for Jesus?
- How can we prepare people's hearts to meet Jesus?



Read Luke 3:1-20.

In this chapter we see John interact with many people. Note both his content and delivery to the various groups of people.

- Which interaction is your favorite? Why?
- What do you think John would say to you?
- When someone confronts you, how do you avoid responding like Herod did?

Read John 1:1-8

- What was the task that God sent John to do?
- How is our task similar and/or different from John's task?

GROUP ACTIVITY

Discuss as a group how you can be a better witness for Jesus this week. Identify people, places, events, and situations that might be opportunities in the coming week to prepare people's hearts to receive the Gospel. Discuss ways we can testify that Jesus is the light of the world.

Make a commitment to yourself and your group to witness for Jesus this week based on the above conversation.

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