



### **Luke 3:1-20: Preparing the Way, Repentance and Forgiveness**

**A key idea - Repentance is necessary for forgiveness, repentance transforms our living.**

**Context:** So far in Luke, what has helped us have solid hope (1:4)?

#### **Read Luke 3:1-20**

1. What strikes you from this passage?
2. Let's break into pairs or threes. Try and work out if there are different sections and a title for them. Come back together and share what you think the different sections are and their titles.
3. What's John's big warning?
4. How might we need a similar warning?
5. In those same groups, what does John expect the coming of the Lord to be like? (share together)  
*Note: fire likely refers to judgment (see 3:9, 17; also Isaiah 4:4; Hebrews 10:27; 2 Peter 3:7) but could also be connected to refining – the baptism of the Spirit refers to the promise of receiving the Holy Spirit - an idea tied up with salvation (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:38-42).*
6. How is our situation similar and different to those who heard John's message?
7. What might it look like to live remembering judgment is coming?
8. What might it look like remembering that today is the day the Spirit is being poured out?

**Pray together about living knowing the times we live, a day of judgment is coming, and a day of salvation is now. Pray that our repentance would be genuine.**