

Who's Voice Matters Most?

Luke 3

The Outline

- John cleans up the streets
 - **Judgment** is near - 3:7-9
 - Here is how you should **act** - 3:10-14
 - Watch for the messiah - 3:15-17
- Jesus identifies with sinners
- Jesus can represent us because He is **related** to us

Overarching idea of Luke 3-4:13:

Jesus is qualified to represent humanity as her Messiah.

- He identifies with those who struggle with sin and repent.
- He can be tempted like us
- He is perfect like God

Listening To The Voice That Matters Most

1. Prepare your heart.
 - **Repentance**
 - **Conviction** and Grace
2. Pray and Prioritize **Listening** To God.
3. Refuse to let anyone else **define** you.

But wait...I don't hear the **voice** of God. What do I do now?

We don't need a **voice**...we have a **verse**.

Prioritize the quiet, consistent voice of God!

Luke Chapter 3

Reading and Study Guide

Bible Reading

- Read Luke 3

Or

- If you want to listen to it you can visit our Facebook page or our Vimeo page - NewStoryKC

Personal Study

Read Luke 3:1-6 - Luke acknowledges the Roman Emperor, the Roman governor, the Idumean/Jewish rulers placed by Rome and the religious rulers of the day, and yet

Read Luke 3:7-18 - John declares the coming of the Lord and calls the people to prepare the “pathway” of the Lord which is a pathway to their hearts. Can you identify things that may hinder the Lord coming to you currently? What are they? How could you combat them?

John seems pretty fierce and yet he declares good news. Are both the truth about sin and the truth about grace needed? Which do you think we lean towards currently? Why do you think that is?

John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. The real issue is not getting baptized but responding to God with a certain kind of heart and life. Read Titus 2:11-14 and jot down some of the marks of a repentant and changed heart.

John highlights 3 steps that demonstrate repentance: 1) share what you have with those who need; 2) whatever you job is - do it well and with fairness; 3) be content with what you earn. Which of those stand out to you the most right now and why?

Read John 3:19-20 - John rebuked Herod and he responded like a hardened sinner. How do you currently respond when you are rebuked or corrected?

What are you currently doing to promote accountability? What do you need to do?

Read Luke 3:21-37. One of the key ideas in Luke is the identity of Jesus. Jesus' identification with sinners like us, his identification with repentant people, his identification with God the Father are all visible in this chapter. Who do you tend to go to for clarity on your identity?