



February 14, 2021

Series - Luke: Upside Down

Text - Luke 3:1-20

Title - Prepare the Way of the Lord

Outline

How do you prepare the way of the Lord? - Luke 3:1-6

- 1) Repent—recognize you have a heart problem - Luke 3:7-14
- 2) Relax—recognize the solution doesn't depend on you - Luke 3:15-20

Questions

Icebreaker: Have you had an experience (or experiences) where you witnessed first hand the miraculous work of repentance? Specifically where you, or someone you are close to, were brought to a place of repentance, and by faithfully following God's conviction, you or that person's heart was transformed by God.

- 1) What type of fruit does repentance bare? Is it the same as the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23? (Facilitator hint: Ultimately yes. In Christ when we repent and believe we receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit is present we bear these fruits.)
- 2) The crowds, the tax collectors and the soldiers asked in vs 10-14, "What shall we do?" What was the common theme that ran through John's response to each group?
- 3) What do these responses teach us about what the fruit of repentance should look like in our own lives? How are money and possessions connected to this?
- 4) John's response to the people when asked, "What then shall we do?" was not "Relax". However, the good news is that we escape God's wrath by resting in his free mercy. So what are we to make of this tension between "Repenting" and "Relaxing"? How is this worked out in our daily lives?

Next Sunday's sermon passage - Psalm 87