

THE WAY ^{OF} JESUS IN OUR WORLD

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

PREPARING THE WAY

LUKE 3:1-14

BEFORE YOU READ

- Before reading, take some time to be silent, have someone invite the Holy Spirit to quiet our hearts, and illuminate God's truth from the words of scripture.
- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

1. Who was John the Baptist? How come Luke references the passage in Isaiah and what is that passage talking about?
2. How come John addresses the crowd as a "brood of vipers?"
3. What is the significance of crowds (particularly the jews) resting on the fact that Abraham was their Father? What did John mean when he said these stones will raise up children for Abraham?
4. What do you notice about the inquiries of the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers? How does John respond?
5. How does John's ministry of baptism and lifestyle change direct people to follow Jesus?
6. Where are the areas in our life where we are being challenged to live according to the Gospel?