

Prepare the Way for the Lord Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, December 21st, 2025



Sermon Series Summary

This Advent season, we'll journey with John the Baptist—the prophet who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. Through his message of repentance, grace, and renewal, we'll discover what it means to prepare our hearts for Christ's arrival and to live as witnesses of his light. Each week invites us deeper into the hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent, leading to the celebration of Christ's birth and the call to let his life increase in us. Join us for this Advent-Christmas series, as we prepare the way for the Lord—then go forth as a people ready to follow Jesus and share his light with the world.

Sermon Title: Witnesses Testifying to the Light

Scripture Reading: John 1:6-9, 19-34; Luke 7:18-23

Sermon Focus: John the Baptist knew his identity and calling. He says "I am not the Messiah" and he points beyond himself to Jesus. The Gospel of John says that the wilderness prophet wasn't the light but came "as a witness to the light." Advent prepares us not only to receive Christ but to reflect and testify to his light in the world. In the fourth message of our series, Pastor Melissa invites us to bear witness to the light of Christ amid doubt and darkness.

Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Begin by reading John 1:6-9 and 19-34. What stands out to you about John and his testimony? Why do you think God chose to use witnesses to help people receive him?
2. John is clear that he is not the Messiah. Are there times you struggle with a Savior complex? What does that look like and how can we remember our identity and role as *pointers* to the Savior?
3. Witnesses can sometimes doubt. Read Luke 7:18-23. Share about a time when you struggled to see God at work in your life or in the world. How can we look for the light in these dark times?
4. Think about where you have heard or seen good news recently. How have you sensed God's presence or experienced him meet a need? Share that with the group or someone you encounter this week.
5. LIFE ON MISSION QUESTION: John calls himself a "voice in the wilderness." Is there a person or situation into which God is inviting you to use your voice as a witness for him? Where can you use your voice to help reveal Christ as the source of life, forgiveness, hope, guidance, freedom from fear, etc.?
6. Take a few minutes to pray for one another as we close out 2025 and move into 2026. Pray that God would help us to notice where he is at work and pass on his light to others.