

LUKE 3

Read either before your small group or all together at the start.

- 1. Thinking about Alex's description of John's message as a baptism of repentance, how would you describe what that means? Why did John use the word "baptism" to describe repentance?
- 2. How did Chrissy and/or Alex describe repentance this week? What is involved in true repentance? What do you think it would look like to live out that kind of repentance in your life?
- 3. Alex quoted John Piper as saying, "We are most satisfied when Jesus is most glorified in us." How do you think that works? How do we find more joy the more that Jesus is glorified? Read John 3:30. Alex said his friend called this the 330 principle. What do you think this principle looks like practically in a person's life?
- 4. Look at the following passages: Psalm 2:7-9, Isaiah 42:1, 7 and Genesis 22:2, 12, and 16-18. Alex pointed out that each of these passages is referenced at the moment of Jesus' baptism in Luke 3:22. Have a look at that verse now. What stands out to you about who Jesus is from those verses?
- 5. Luke begins his genealogy of Jesus with the words that Jesus was the son of Joseph, "or so it was thought." Jesus lived with the stigma of other people's labels and assumptions about who he was. What labels or assumptions do you feel like you have to live with? In what area of your life do you find it difficult to remember your true identity in Jesus?
- 6. Chrissy highlighted just a few of the people in Luke's genealogy of Jesus who had less than stellar reputations. How does that make you feel about the way Jesus' comes to rescue imperfect people? What is a transformation, a change, that has taken place in your life because you trust Jesus?