

**Sermon Title: Who are you?**

**Scripture reading: Luke 3:15-22**

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*An Ongoing Prayer:*

God would *awaken a more excellent understanding & experience of Jesus*, His words, ways, & work through the gospel of Luke

God intends the scriptures to be *instigators of curiosity & faith*

**Luke 3:15-22 (ESV)**

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*were opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

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## *Expectations*

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*Don't allow the expectations of the crowd distract or limit you from your calling.*

*Listening to the crowd and becoming who they want you to be, could keep them from seeing the Messiah.*

## Outrage

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*We (you) cannot control people's reactions or emotions when they are confronted with the good news.*

## Pleasure

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*Start your day by praying and asking the Father what would bring pleasure to him.*

## *The Grid:*

*Perspective:* Stop worrying about everyone and stay focused on God's mission for you.

*Practice:* Spend more time in prayer, then listening to the voice of the world (turn off the noise).

*Picture:* Yourself seeking the pleasure of the Lord this Advent season and beyond.

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33*

