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HANDOUTS

Prepare the way...

What does it mean to prepare: to make ready, for a use or an action. Train, educate, prep, equip.

The “way” Hodos (Strong’s G3598): the way, the road, the path, a journey, manner of life, course which leads to a place.

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, until the very end.

2 Tim 4:2. Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and teaching. 3. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desire, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers 4 and they will turn their ears from truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 but be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Isaiah 40:3-4: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert, a highway for our God.”

They set off in to the WILDERNESS to try to hear His voice... based on what they read and studied in the book of Isaiah. The wilderness was a place they thought they would hear the word of the Lord.

Luke Chapter 1:5

We are called with a purpose. Much greater than clocking in and out of our daily life.

How desperate are you to hear the voice of God? If you are in a season of silence, will you face a wilderness season to hear Him?

Mark 1:1-3 & Luke 3:4-6,

Matthew 3:1-12 “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.’” Now John himself was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance (show me fruit worth of repentance), and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

We are called to prepare the way... show the world what hope looks like. Even if it isn't “popular”. To stand. Say a hard thing...

We are called to make disciples.

We are called to stand for Biblical principles,

We are called to be Holy as He is Holy. He commands us actually

We are called to Love what God loves

We are called to hate what God hates.

We are called to prepare a path for people to FIND HIM

We cannot do that without repentance, honesty and boldness.