

# Week 1 LifeGroup Guide

## A Time for Change!

**Series:** The Amazing Works of Christ

**Key Passage:** Luke 3:15–23

## Series Connection

In Luke 3, Jesus steps onto the public stage. Before He preaches, heals, or confronts darkness, the Father publicly affirms Him. This moment launches Jesus' ministry and reveals who He is before showing us what He will do. The work of Christ begins with identity, not activity.

## Key Thought

Before Jesus calls us to follow Him, He shows us who He is. Real change begins when we respond to His grace, not when we try to earn it.

## HEAD — What do you understand?

*What we believe and think*

Choose 1–2 questions.

1. What does Luke 3:15–17 reveal about the expectations people had for the Messiah?
2. Why is John so intentional about pointing away from himself and toward Jesus?
3. What does Jesus' baptism reveal about His mission and identification with humanity?
4. How does the Father's declaration in verses 21–22 shape our understanding of Jesus' identity before His ministry begins?

Optional tie-in:

- How does Ephesians 3:20–21 connect to the idea of expectation and God's power at work through Christ?

## HEART — What moves you?

*What we love and desire*

Choose 1–2 questions.

1. How does it impact you to know that the Father's approval of Jesus comes before any public ministry or miracles?
2. When you think about repentance as freedom rather than shame, what changes emotionally for you?
3. Which picture of Jesus in this passage draws your heart the most and why?
4. Where do you find yourself tempted to look for validation apart from God's voice?

Helpful quote reflection:

- How does the idea that we live from God's acceptance rather than for it challenge your normal spiritual mindset?

## **HANDS — What will you do?**

*What we choose and do*

Choose 1–2 questions.

1. If repentance is a turning toward Jesus, what is one area of your life that needs realignment right now?
2. What would it look like this week to depend on Christ instead of self-effort according to John 15:5?
3. Jesus was praying when the heavens opened. What step could you take to be more intentional about prayer this week?
4. How does Jesus' willingness to be baptized shape how you view humility and obedience?

## **HABITS — Now what?**

*Practices that shape a way of life*

Choose 1 question and get specific.

1. What regular rhythm could help you live with expectation for God's work in your life this year?
2. How can you build a habit that keeps you grounded in faith and dependence as described in Hebrews 11:6?
3. Based on Luke 9:23, what does "daily surrender" practically look like for you right now?

Encourage each person to name **one habit** they will practice before the next meeting.