BATTLE BEADY

Luke: Battle Ready (Jan. 3 to 31)

We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke (we began with our "Hindsight Is 20/20" Christmas series in Dec. 2020). "Battle Ready" takes us from Luke 3:1 through 5:26. From John the Baptist preparing the way, to the call of the 12 disciples, we'll see the start of Jesus' ministry as recorded by Luke in his gospel account.

Group Discussion

Main Text: Luke 3:1-18

Getting started: What goals do you have for 2021?

- 1. Read Luke 3:2-3. John was the first prophet of God in over 400 years. How do you think you would have responded to John's message? People in our culture seem to be skeptical of a lot of things, can you think of any examples? Why do you think that is? How do you determine what to trust and what not to?
- 2. Read Luke 3:7-9. Why do you think John was so upset with these people who came to be baptized?
- 3. Religion is trying to be right with God apart from Jesus. Religious Jews thought they were right with God because they were from the family of Abraham, why is this insufficient? What things do people today rely on to make them right with God apart from Jesus? Your king is whatever you rely on most. Do you ever justify yourself with things other than Jesus?
- 4. We all obey some voice in our lives, and your king is the voice you choose to obey. What voices are competing with God's voice in your life? (Friends, peers, culture, social media, family, or maybe your own)
- 5. Read Luke 3:16. Jesus can impact and change your life in a way that nothing else can. As you examine your daily routine, your prayers, and your hopes for the future Do you have king-sized expectations of Jesus, or small expectations of Jesus?

Next Steps

We can't have the kingdom without the king, and Jesus is the king.

- How have you struggled to rely on Jesus? Will you rely on him this week? How?
- How have you struggled to obey Jesus? Will you obey Jesus this week? How?

- Where have you had small expectations of Jesus? What would king-sized expectations look like? Will you expect that this week?

Redemption

Sunday, Dec. 20 at 5 and 6:30 p.m. In person at Jasper and Loogootee Online at YouTube and Facebook