

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
[Dialogue]
2. Let's read our primary text. If this were the first chapter that you ever read of the Bible, what observations might you have about the Bible from just these opening verses?
This is a historical book. The author is very much concerned with precision. This book also has links to other parts of the book, etc.
3. Who were the political and religious leaders mentioned at the beginning of Luke 3, and why is this significant?
Luke names Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, and Caiaphas (vv. 1–2). It highlights that God's word came not to the rulers, but to John in the wilderness—showing God oftentimes works outside of worldly power structures.
4. Luke sees it fitting to look back to the prophet Isaiah. Why is it so important for us, as readers of the Bible, to look back as Luke instructs us here?
These hyperlinks remind us of who the prophets were forecasting. They reiterate that God's hand was always superintending the events on the road to redemption in Jesus Christ. They also remind us that the new covenant is birthed from the old covenant.
5. What was John's central message? How does his message rightly shape our view of baptism?
A baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (v.3). Baptism is the fruit of a faith-filled heart that has received the gift of grace from God, resulting in repentance and the forgiveness of sin through the work of Jesus.
(See also Eph. 2:8, Rom. 2:4, Eph. 1:1-7)
6. What types of people was John interacting with? How did he address each of them?
There were great crowds that were gathered, but among those gathered, tax collectors and soldiers approached him. He told them specifically how to re-orient themselves to align with God's moral law.
7. What does John mean by saying Jesus will “baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire”?
Many scholars believe this is referring to both the positive; the coming baptism of the Holy Spirit during Pentecost (Acts 2) and the negative; the coming divine judgment of fire. All this depending on how each individual responds to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

8. How is Jesus' baptism another evidence of the Trinity?

Father (Voice), Son (Jesus), and Holy Spirit (like a dove). All were present.

9. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- Christ-Centered Exposition, Luke - (Anyabwile)
- AI Resources (Apple, Chat GPT)