

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## Luke 3:15-22

**Ice Breaker:** What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

**Ice Breaker:** What is your favorite author or musician/band that is not well-known or popular?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 3:15-22:** Where is this passage located in the context of Luke's story? What was John's message to the people that we looked at last week?
2. What were the expectations the people had of what the Christ would be like? Were they right expectations or wrong expectations? Where should their expectations of what the Christ would be like have come from?
3. What are your expectations or understanding of who the Christ is? Has the world around you influenced your expectation of who Jesus is? In a good way or a bad way? Name a few.
4. How can you, this week, make your picture of Jesus a little bit clearer? How can you form right expectations and right understandings of who Jesus is? Are there things in your life right now that are feeding toward a bad picture of Jesus? What are they and how can you limit their influence in your life?
5. John says that Jesus is the true Christ, giving three reasons why in verses 16-17. What are these three reasons and how does each reason add to our picture of who Jesus is? How might your faith be impacted or refreshed by this view of Jesus that John gives us?
6. What else do we know about John's arrest and death from the other gospels? How might John's ministry, arrest, and death encourage your own faith and trust in Jesus? What can we learn from John as he relates to Jesus?
7. John's message of repentance points people away from himself and toward Jesus. What does it look like to live a life that points away from ourselves and toward Jesus?
8. What areas of your life might you tend to seek attention when, in reality, Jesus should be getting all the attention? In what situations might you be tempted to let your reputation mean more to you than Jesus?
9. What does it mean to you to leave a legacy behind when you die? What is a godly legacy to leave? What might be a worldly legacy that we are tempted, even now, to pursue? How can we prepare today to leave a godly legacy behind?