



Welcome + Opening Prayer

Luke 3:2-6, 15-16

See passage printed on the back of this page.

THEME

Whether you identify as a Christian or not: where does "salvation" or whatever word you use to describe your sense of "OK-ness" come from? The hand of another? Or from yourself?

During Advent, we are exploring the life of John the Baptist. Before John the Baptist, baptism was self-administered. It was a way for non-Jews trying to become Jewish to get ritually clean. Non-Jews would wash themselves, baptize themselves. John now announces that 'you can't do it yourself.' The way must be prepared for you by God Himself and so John invites us to turn from trusting ourselves to trusting God (what it means to repent). John is saying you can't self-administer salvation, everyone even Jews must "be baptized."

Explore + Apply

1. What stood out to you in the passage or in worship this week?
2. What is one thing you want to do in light of what you learned from the passage or in worship this week?
3. What is getting in the way of your relationship with God? What needs to be done in order to 'prepare the way'? What are some ways you are trying to be the source of joy, meaning, significance in your life? One diagnostic: where do you feel most exhausted? In what ways might you discover rest if God became your trusted source of joy, meaning, significance?

Pray

- Pray for one another

GROUP SCHEDULE - FALL

Last meeting of Fall
— week of Dec 8

Advent: the season of learning
to wait, together
allsoulsseattle.org/advent

All Souls "Come Thou Long
Expected **Christmas Party**"
— Sun, Dec 15
Dakota Place 7p

First meeting of Spring
— week of Jan 26

Home Groups are a vital part of shared life and growth in Christ. Here, we build community, deepen relationships, and discover and live the Christian life together.

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2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 16 John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.