

# SESSION ONE

LUKE: PREPARE THE WAY



Bible study is not a class you take but a rhythm you keep as a believer.

## HEAR THE WORD

Watch the Session 1. Take notes on overview of the book to use as you dive into personal study this week.



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.

Luke 3:4

## READ THE WORD

Read Luke 2:39–3:38 each day this week. Read at least three times from the ESV and read from other translations of your choosing on the remaining days. (You can find access to additional translations at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) if you don't have physical copies of the Bible.) On two days this week, also read Isaiah 40.

## STUDY THE WORD

Pray and ask God to supernaturally help you retain what you have read through and learned as you answer the following questions:

1. **What role does preparation play in this week's reading?**
2. **How is preparation important for us, as modern-day Christ-followers?**
3. **What does it look like to "bear good fruit" (vs. 9)?**
4. **Explain your understanding of a "baptism of repentance."**
5. **Imagine you were an eyewitness to the baptism of Jesus, as described in Luke 3. Write a first-hand account of what you would have seen, heard, and felt.**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **We know very little about Jesus as a child, adolescent. How would you describe Him from what we do know of His growing up years? What are the questions you would ask about Him if you could know?**
2. **Share with the group a time you walked into a situation unprepared. How did you feel? Why do you think God chose John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus?**
3. **Even some non-spiritual people believe Jesus was a "good person" or "positive role model." From just this weeks' reading, how is Jesus introduced to us and by whom is He affirmed? Can Jesus be a "good person" or a "positive role model" according to Luke 2–3? Why or why not?**