# Home Group Study 1: Luke 3:1-38: Prepare for Jesus

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**Recap:** Read Luke 1:5-23, 57-80. Who is John the Baptist?

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2. What is John’s message? What is the connection made between repentance and the forgiveness of sins?
3. How is John fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecy? What is God doing in this part of salvation history?
4. John is speaking to three distinct groups of people. We will encounter them often in Luke’s gospel. What is John’s message for these groups and what does repentance look like for them?
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   2. The tax collectors (v12-13)
   3. The soldiers (v14)
5. What are the common aspects of repentance here?
6. Why is John not the Messiah? What is needed for the people?
7. What will Jesus do? (v16-18)
8. How does Jesus’ baptism assure us of his identity and power?

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## Making it real

1. How are we assured/made more certain about Jesus in chapter 3?
2. How has John’s message challenged you? What does your repentance look like in day to day life?

**Prayer ideas**

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* Thank God that we receive forgiveness of sins through the perfect life and atoning death of Jesus Christ
* Pray for fruitful repentance in your day to day life
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