

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, December 18th, 2016

12/18 (Fourth Sunday of Advent): Announcing God's Movement (Luke 3:1-6)

Sermon Recap: Rich delivered a message about God's call, originally through John the Baptist and now through us, to make straight the paths for the Lord. He said he was coming then and is returning now so we must prepare: personally, practically, and publically.

1. In thinking about roadways (our highways and byways), what purpose do they have? How do/have they impacted life?
2. Taking a look at the text, what other insight does Isaiah 40 lend to John's call? Just who is this LORD?
3. John is visited by three types of people (Lk 3:10-14) and answers the question, "What must we do [practically speaking]?" How does he answer the question?
4. In what ways do you have "nail houses", or places that you refuse to allow God to pass through, in your life?
5. How can you practice John's prescriptions on how to prepare the way practically?
6. Culturally, there is a stigma in sharing one's own faith belief with others. But if we have a God who has promised the great things he has promised, what should our response be toward this social bias? How does the early church combat it in Acts 4:29 and surrounding?
7. Pray for God to reveal just one new person in your life that he wants you to take the good news of Jesus to.
8. In what ways can you bring your children or spouse or friends into this evangelism?