

The Fruit Of Repentance

Group Study Guide
Gospel of Luke Series

Main text: Luke 3:1–20

Supporting texts: Acts 26:20

This weekend, Pastor Jonathan read the story of John the Baptist preaching the good news of repentance and forgiveness of sin, but with a demand for people to demonstrate fruit in keeping with repentance. He got very specific with what this fruit looks like: sharing clothing and food with the needy, and working with justice and integrity in jobs normally associated with corruption and greed.

Questions:

- How does John's message in verse 3 compare to the central message that Jesus preached?
- What is the significance of Luke applying Isaiah's prophecy to John in verses 4-6?
- Why do you think John was so abrasive and accusatory in verse 7?
- What do you think it means to, "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance"? (V. 8)
- Why do you think John warned the people against telling themselves that they have Abraham as their Father?
- In what ways might we today carry a sense of entitlement about our place in God's salvation?
- When the people asked John what they should do, he got really specific. He talked about sharing clothing and food with the needy, and working with justice and integrity in jobs normally associated with corruption and greed. Discuss how these actions are demonstrating fruit of repentance.
- What are some other ways that you can demonstrate the fruit of repentance in your life?