

THE WAY

Group/Individual Study

Week 3, January 29

Title: The Baptism of Jesus

Biblical Passage: Luke 3: 1-23

The Question: Where are you with confession, repentance and baptism?

Core Point: Jesus identified with us in the waters of baptism. We can be covered in His dust by humbly coming before Him in confession, repentance and baptism.

Getting Focused

1. Read Luke 3: 1-23 and Isaiah 40:3-5
 - a. Reflect on these scriptures. What paves the way for Jesus to come and do a powerful work in your life? In the lives of others?
 - b. When John the Baptist saw all the people streaming to be baptized, he stated: “produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” What is repentance? What kind of fruit is he talking about?
 - c. Have you been baptized? Share that experience with one another. What holds you back?

2. Read the section titled *Representation* on pages 60-62 of Jesus, The One and Only
 - a. The author paints a picture of Jesus being immersed in the sins of the people. What is your heart response to this picture?
 - b. If confession is agreeing with God, why would that be beneficial?
 - c. What keeps you from confessing your sins?
 - d. Read James 5:16 and Matthew 11:28. What does God promise us in these verses?

Group Reflection

Sit in silence together for 5 minutes and imagine sitting with Jesus and telling Him about the sin you would rather not admit. What is His response?

Our Prayer for One Another and Our Community

May you believe in God. But may you come to see that God believes in you. May you have faith in Jesus. But may you come to see that Jesus has faith that you can be like Him. A person of love and compassion and truth. A person of forgiveness, and peace, and grace, and joy, and hope. And may you be covered in the dust of your rabbi, Jesus.

For Chile: Pray for Jim Breen as he works with YWAM (Youth With a Mission) in Chile. Pray for hearts to be open to the Gospel.