

Discussion & Reflection Questions

Reconnect with Peace - 5th of December 2021

Read: Luke 3.1-6

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

Discussion & Reflection Questions

- If you were asked to describe what perfect peace in your life would look like right now, how would you describe it?
- When you think about John the Baptist what about him do you connect with & what about him do you find doesn't connect with you at all?
- If 'the wilderness' is a place of encountering God, can you think of some wilderness times in your life where you've felt a strong encounter with God?
- If 'the wilderness' is a place of formation by God, can you think of some ways in which you have been formed by God by your wilderness experiences?
- How does encounter & formation relate to the idea of peace in your experience? Can you see this type of connection in the lives of others or in the stories of others in scripture?
- If the peace that God offers is from the inside - out, then how might you show peace in the week ahead or how would you reflect on the way you have shown peace in the week that's just past?

Prayer

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.