



# Small Group Guide

Walking together on our Journey of Faith

## Sharing

**Circle Up:** Get settled; Reach out to anyone we expected to be here but isn't.  
**Opening Prayer:**

Holy One,  
You made us from earth, washed us in water, and gave us the breath of life.  
Help us to live this simply. Help us to let go of the complications and consumables, and  
instead find you. In this hour with you and others, may we simply be. Amen.

**The 3 Questions:** Go around the circle answering the 3 questions

1. How is your soul doing?
2. Where have you seen God this week?
3. What's one thing you're grateful for and one thing you're worried about?

## Studying

**Luke 3:1-6** (NRSVue)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, 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."

**Reflection Questions:**

Pause for silence. Then "What words or phrases stuck out to you?"  
What does it mean to prepare for Jesus?  
What could this story mean for your life?

## Praying

Pair off and pray for each other in silence.  
At the end of the silent prayer, pray the Lord's Prayer together.

## Encouraging

What's your next step on the discipleship path?  
What can we do to help each other?  
When are we gathering next?