

"Kingdom Preppers" A Look at Luke Luke 3:1-20 August 25, 2019

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord...'" Luke 3:4

What does it mean to live a life preparing the way for Christ?

- 1. Live as a **FORERUNNER** for Christ. (vs 1-6)
 - a. We need our lives to be <u>DEFINED</u> by the Word of Christ. John 1:22-23
 - b. We need our lives to be <u>EMPOWERED</u> by the Spirit of Christ. Luke 1:15, 24:49, Mark 10:27
- 2. Live in the <u>FORGIVENESS</u> of Christ. (vs 3, 9, 17) Matthew 5:22, 28
 - a. We need to understand the <u>POWER</u> of sin. John 8:31-34, Romans 3:23
 - b. We need to understand the <u>PENALTY</u> of sin. Romans 6:23, Matthew 25:41
- 3. Live with the **FRUIT** of Christ.

Matthew 3:7, 23:33

- a. Let there be <u>EVIDENCE</u> of faith in your life. James 2:17-18, 26
- b. Let the Holy Spirit <u>REFINE</u> your heart. Isaiah 4:4, Malachi 3:2, 1 Peter 1:7, Galatians 5:22-23
- 4. Live <u>FAITHFULLY</u> for Christ. (vs 19-20)
 - Be willing to live <u>SACRFICIALLY</u> for Christ. Romans 12:1

Question to Consider:

- Do I live as a forerunner for Christ? Is my life defined by His Word and empowered by His Spirit?
- Do live in the forgiveness of Christ? Do I live in His freedom from sin?
- Do I live a life that bears the fruit of the Spirit? Is there evidence of my repentance and salvation?
- Am I willing to live faithfully for Christ no matter what He leads me to do in His Kingdom?

What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do?	