



ENTER God's presence

Zephaniah 3:17-20

The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.

He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing."

¹⁸ "I will remove from you
all who mourn over the loss of your appointed
festivals,

which is a burden and reproach for you.

¹⁹ At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you.

I will rescue the lame;

I will gather the exiles; I will give them praise and
honour

in every land where they have suffered shame.

²⁰ At that time I will gather you;

at that time I will bring you home.

I will give you honour and praise

among all the peoples of the earth

when I restore your fortunes

before your very eyes," says the Lord.

- **Pray Together:** Lord God it is easy to think that we cannot do much to change the world. We have so many excuses we use as to why we individually or as a Church cannot accomplish much. But Lord help us to see that our ordinary lives are not ordinary when you take hold of them. Use us as we go about our normal lives to bless those around us that they may truly experience Christmas this year. We ask this in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



SHARE life together

1. **Share your highs and lows?**
2. **If you could change one thing in the world today, what would you do and how would you do it?**
3. **What would you consider the most important thing you have done/contributed to the world thus far?**

Week beginning:
Sunday 11th December 2022

Worship series:
Experience Christmas
#3 Hold the Hope



VERSE for the week
"What should we do
then?" the crowd asked.

Luke 3:10



REMEMBER this week
**You are not being
asked to change the
world, but to live the
hope of Jesus in your
ordinary life, which
will transform the
world.**



LISTEN attentively

Read Luke 3:7-18 in your own Bible or online at Bible Gateway [here](#)

4. Retell this passage in your own words.
5. What is this passage about?
6. What do you find difficult or challenging about the text?
7. Why do you think the questions, 'What should we do' is repeated several times in the passage?
8. Last week's text Luke 3:1-6 was about the diagnosis – this week's passage is the solution. What solution is offered?



GROW deeper

9. Repentance leads to simple acts of action. What do you notice about the response to the questions, "What shall we do then?"
10. What can you learn from that in your own life?
11. In what ways is Jesus' response reflective of our mission statement. "Living Jesus' love...sharing his hope with all...growing in grace together"?
12. In what ways are you living your life detached from the 'the one who is more powerful'? What difference would it make if your life was an outpouring of his life within you, wherever you go?
13. Another way of asking the question, What should we do then' is to ask yourself, "How do I want to live."



LIVE purposefully

MAKE IT REAL:

14. In what ways are you asking the question, "What should I do then?' In hearing this passage, what are two things that you believe God is calling you to do this week?.

- a. _____
- b. _____

Who will you share the love of Jesus with? Name them here and pray for them this week.

- Name: _____ Pray for them each day
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Plan your weekly devotions or download the Church Central app for the daily LifeWay Devotions



PRAY intentionally

- **Praise God** for providing the solution to the world in sending his Son to save the world. **Thank Jesus** that his living, dying, and rising was enough to do all things to gain us salvation. **Ask the Holy Spirit** to give you courage to act boldly when he prompts you to do something.
- **Pray for all those who feel little purpose in life** that God would give clarity and satisfaction in the normal every day things they do for his glory.
- **Pray for our Christmas services approaching** that God would gather those who need to hear at our services and that they would be receptive to going.
- **Pray for those who feel powerless in life** that they would come to know the God who acts in their life.
- **Pray for each other and the needs that have been shared.**



BLESS one another

You might like to address one person in your group and make the sign of the cross on their forehead or on the palm of their hand as you say...

[Name], may you be Jesus to one person at a time. Amen.