



## SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 2 February 25, 2024  
“Just Do It”

### OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this study. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord Jesus. It's in his name we pray. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

#### Luke 3:3, 7-8, 10-14 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup>He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?”<sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

<sup>10</sup>“What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

<sup>11</sup>John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

<sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

<sup>13</sup>“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

<sup>14</sup>Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely - be content with your pay.”

# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 2 February 25, 2024  
“Just Do It”

## INTRODUCTION

John the Baptist was a historical figure in the first century who was known outside of Biblical literature. John’s message was designed to get people ready for the coming of the Messiah in the first century. He was preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Large crowds came to see John; and his message disturbed the religious leaders. But what does his message mean for us today?

John’s message to us would be the same as his message in the first century: “if you want to be right with God, you have to be doers and not just believers.” Many people admire Jesus for his teachings and the selfless way he lived his life. But there is a difference between *admiring Jesus* and *being a Jesus follower*. Admirers of Jesus didn’t shape civilization. The doers did.

## QUESTIONS

1. If your life were a commercial, what product or service would people say you were advertising?
2. Regarding your faith, have you become more of a consumer than an advertiser? If not, how have you kept that from happening? If so, what needs to change?
3. How has your faith journey been positively and negatively impacted by your encounters with other Christians? In what ways, and how so?
4. Read Luke 3:10–14 (on page 1), where people asked John the Baptist what kind of actions best laid the groundwork for the Messiah’s coming.
  - What stands out to you?
  - What is similar about each of John the Baptist’s statements?
5. How is your faith currently on display?
6. What’s a specific way you could go above and beyond “legal” or “permissible”? In what situation could you be more proactive - by protecting, serving, or honoring someone?

## FINAL APPLICATION

This week pray “Heavenly Father, what should I do?”