

Life Discipleship

Read Luke 3:7-14

1. What kind of 'fruit' does John the Baptist state God is looking for?

2. How does inner transformation – through repentance and faith – manifest itself externally in this passage?

3. In what way might John's comments to the tax collectors and soldiers be surprising to the crowd? What does this tell us about the redeeming and sanctifying work of God in our work lives?

4. If God has specific instructions for the professions listed in this passage, what might he say about the way you approach your job (or other aspects of your life)?

5. In what ways do you think you are being equipped to serve God in the following spheres (1 being least equipped and 9 being most equipped):

Church life	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Community life	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Professional life	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Family life	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Leisure	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Thought life	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

6. What do you think would be the impact if you integrated your faith into each of these areas of your life? What if the whole church took up this challenge?

"In our lives before God, there are no sacred/secular splits, no spirit/will splits, but it's actually all one piece; all of life is service."

"Church isn't there to box us in; we should be living and worshiping as though the church has no walls."

"'Good Work' is something that we as humans are called to do... when you are bringing order and beauty to God's world then this has a deep, human, image-of-God resonance."

Do a spiritual health check amongst the members of your group. Identify where the church really helps people grow as a Christian, and where there are still struggles.

Make a plan of action as a small group to provide teaching, help and encouragement in a life area you do not usually touch on at church.

"We participate in Jesus' project, which is to initiate this new era in which we are restoring the world, making it more and more the way he would like it to be."

Prayer / reflection: