

STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

Share with your group one thing that has encouraged you in your spiritual life so far this year and one challenge you are experiencing in your spiritual life right now.

Spend some time in prayer as a group lifting up what is impressed on your heart from this sharing time.

[digging deeper]

Review Luke 1:1-4. As a church, we are going to be spending significant time in the book of Luke over the next year. Based on Luke's words in verse four, what is the reason for this book?

The new series we started this week is called "Jesus—God and Man." Why is it important to be "certain" that Jesus is God? Why is it important for us to also be "certain" that He is man?

Read through Luke 3:15-22. What two voices from these verses validate that Jesus is God and how?

The Messiah will have the power to separate true believers from unbelievers for the final judgment and for eternity. Explain how the metaphor that John uses of the threshing floor illustrates and clarifies this truth (don't be afraid to demonstrate it or draw it out).

What is chaff? Describe the type of people that come to mind who would fit the description of "chaff" in the church today.

Look at verses 21-22 again. Explain why this is a great snapshot of the Trinity and how it validates Jesus as God.

John the Baptist knew with certainty that Messiah was God, and he was certain of his role. It was said on Sunday that in light of this certainty, John lived humbly, courageously, and missionally. Which one of those three characteristics do you desire to grow in most?

[living it out]

Answer these few questions and then break into smaller groups of 2-3 to share your answers:

Me believing with certainty that Jesus is God helps me _____

Circle the characteristic you picked above. I want to grow most in the area of living...

Humbly

Courageously

Missionally

In order to pursue that characteristic in my life, I will _____

(Craft an "I will" statement that gives an action step to pursue growth in that characteristic.)

[end with prayer]

Pray for each other in your smaller group over what was shared.