

# Live the New Life

## Session 9



**In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea 2 and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”**

**Matthew 3:1-2**

### UP: Introduction

And Jesus said of him: “among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than him.” (Matthew 11:11)

- Who are your heroes of faith?

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### IN: Explore

READ: **Luke 3:1-19**

Discussion Questions:

- What hope does the phrase ‘The Kingdom of Heaven has come near’ bring? What fuels your desire for more of this in our time?
- What fuels desire in you for God’s Kingdom?

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- What encourages you and challenges you most about these verses?
- What does repentance look like in everyday life (see v8-14)? For example, should verse 11 be taken literally?
- Look at verses 15-18. How important is it to speak of the Gods judgement alongside his love and mercy? What helps you decide how to get the right balance?
- How would you describe the importance of God’s forgiveness? (v3)

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### OUT: Impact

- What about this passage impacts you the most?

Take some time to pray for each other.