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**Luke 3:21–22**

**WELCOME:**  
Fixing  
Our Focus

**Suggested Icebreaker:**  
Ask each GG member to share an experience when they were publicly affirmed by an important person in their life - whether they be a parent, teacher, or boss. How did they feel? Why is affirmation important?

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**WORSHIP:**  
Adoring  
Our God

**Suggested songs:**

- [All Because of Jesus](#)
- [King of Kings](#)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

1. GG members will know the significance of Jesus' baptism.
2. GG members will consistently depend on God through prayer.
3. GG members will declare who Christ is to others.

### INTRODUCTION

In our previous lesson, we saw John's ministry as paving the way for Jesus, the promised Messiah. In this lesson, we will see Jesus beginning His ministry through His baptism. Let us look at the significance of this event and what it tells us about Jesus.

### Jesus was baptized (v. 21a)

John was baptizing people, calling them to repent of their sins, thus paving the way for the promised Messiah. So, we would understand John's hesitation when Jesus came to him for baptism. Why would the sinless Son of God need to be baptized for the repentance of sins? Jesus responded by saying that He needed to go through it "for us (the Trinity) to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:13-15). Christ's baptism shows His ministry to a lost world.

1. What was the purpose of Jesus' ministry on earth (cf. Isaiah 53:11; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18)? How did His baptism connect Him with the subjects of His ministry?
2. How did the other persons of the Trinity affirm Jesus' ministry during His baptism? (cf. v. 22)
3. How does Jesus' baptism graphically portray how He will fulfill His ministry? (cf. Luke 12:50)
4. What is the connection between Christ's baptism and believer's baptism? (cf. Acts. 19:3-4; Romans 6:3-5)

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### Application

Christ's baptism showed His love for the lost and the lengths He will go to save them. What impact does this truth have on your life?

### Jesus was praying (v. 21b)

Prayer was an important part of Jesus' life. Luke records many instances when Jesus would pray. Though Jesus is fully God, He is also fully man. And as a man, He needs to depend on God through prayer. As His followers, we should heed His example.

1. What did Jesus do before He chose the twelve apostles - the people who would be with Him during His ministry here on earth? (cf. Luke 6:12)
2. From reading Luke 5:15-16 and 11:1, what did the disciples notice about Jesus that prompted their question?
3. In Luke 22:31-32, what was Jesus praying for?
4. What can you conclude about the content, frequency, and purpose of Jesus' prayers?

### Application

How is your prayer life? What are the things you usually pray for? How can you make prayer a habit?

### Jesus was affirmed (v. 22)

When Jesus was baptized, both His deity and His ministry was affirmed by the other persons of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit descended upon Him and God the Father audibly gave His affirmation.

1. How did the Holy Spirit appear and what did He do to Jesus? (cf. Isaiah 61:1)
2. What did God the Father say about Jesus Christ? (cf. Psalm 2:7-8; Isaiah 42:1)
3. From these, what do we learn about Jesus Christ and His ministry?

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### Application

Who is Jesus Christ to you? How are you sharing who He is with the people around you?

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### PRAYER ITEM

Pray for one another that you will get to know Jesus Christ more intimately and personally over time. Pray for courage and boldness to declare who He is to people who do not yet have a personal relationship with Him.



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