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The Gospel of Luke: Meeting Our Savior

Warm-Up Question:

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- What does repentance involve? Read the definition in the sidebar and discuss.
- From v. 10-14, what were the things they needed to repent of? What might have been the heart idols behind each of those things?
- Read the questions in the sidebar and share where 1-2 of your heart idols might come from.

II. PREPARE: OBEY

- What does it look like to "make his paths straight" (v. 4), to "bear fruit in keeping with repentance" (v. 8), and to "bear good fruit" (v. 9) in ones life?
- How might such "fruit" like that in ones life actually help "prepare the way for the Lord" (and the cross) in their life?
- If we Christians are declared completely righteous by faith alone, apart from our obedience, what part does obedience play in our relationship with God now?

III. PREPARE: VOICE

- How do you see the 3 persons of the Trinity here (v. 21-22)? What are their different roles in salvation?
- Jesus heard the Father say, "With you I am well pleased." If you are united to Christ, how might what he said to Christ apply to you?
- Are there any "voices" from others in the past or current "voices" inside you that you would like to be replaced by God's "voice," how he feels about you? Share.
- What's one way you'd like to allow God's "voice" to take more control of your life?

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Q: What is repentance unto life?
A: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Ways to Identify Heart Idols What do I most care about? What do I most want in life? What causes my emotions to spin out of control? What causes most anxiety? What do I most fear losing? What makes me most mad? What do I most ask God for? What do I most spend money on?



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