# GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



# When God Shows Up

#### **Opening Questions:**

Pastor David opened up the message sharing about how kids talk too much sometimes. Do you ever talk too much? Why do we do that sometimes?

#### Read Luke 3:1-15

What jumps out to you in this passage? Do you have any questions about these scriptures?

How do the historical details mentioned in Luke 3:1-18 help us understand the setting of John the Baptist's ministry?

What do you think it means to 'Prepare the way for the Lord' and to 'make straight paths.' What does that look like in human lives? Why do you think these things are neccesary for us to preapre the way for God?

What does it mean when John tells the crowds to 'Produce fruit in keeping with repentance?' (verse 8)

If John the baptist was speaking to you, like he does the crowd, the tax collectors, the soliders (verses 11-14) what do you think he might say to you?

If God is omnipresent (present everywhere, all the time), what does it mean for 'God to show up' in the sense that Pastor David was bringing this up in the message?

Have you ever seen God show up in a special way? Share with the group.

Has God's presence ever expanded your awareness of what was possible? Share with the group.

#### **Application**:

When do you think we should ask God to show up in our lives and the lives of others? Certainly we want God always present in our lives but is there specific setting where it is especially appropriate to ask?

If so, is there a way you could be asking God to show up in your life or in the life of someone you know or love?

## Next Steps 2023

• Encouraging one another, what is a next step following Jesus you need to take or can celebrate taking with your group? Tell us about it using the QR code below.

### Prayer

• Share praises and prayer requests with one another.

Guided prayer: God, we give thanks that you've shown up in our lives with your grace and faithfulness. Give us more of your Holy Spirit. Boldly lead us to make straight paths for you in our lives and in this world.



**Did you take a next step?** Let us know by scanning the QR code here:

