

Questions from Mission Sunday: Luke 3 v 21-23

Ice-breaker: When you think of the words Mission and Missionary, what thoughts and what type of people come to your mind?

Read the story of Jesus' baptism from **Mathew 3v 13-17; Mark 1 v 9-11; & Luke 3 v 21-23;**

1. What was the significance of Jesus' baptism in relation to the beginning of his ministry?

Mark Vening talked of Jesus surrendering to his cousin John at this time. What would that have been like for Jesus?

2. We are told that the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove and then came a voice from heaven. What do you think it would have been like to have been there and what do you imagine you would have seen?

3. What did these 2 dramatic signs reveal about the nature and purpose of his ministry? In this scene we have God the Father, Jesus & the Holy Spirit. How significant is this?

4. What does the term "beloved Son" tell us about the relationship between Jesus and God? Do you truly believe that you are a child of God and how does that make you feel?

5. How might the very personal affirmation from God at Jesus' baptism affect his sense of mission and influence his teaching, as up to this point there are no recorded miracles that Jesus performed?

6. How might we apply the principles of Jesus' mission and ministry to our own lives and personal sense of mission?

7. What is the relevance and importance of mission work in modern society, considering the various global challenges that we face? How relevant today is the Great Commission from Mathew 28 v16-20

8. What unique challenges do full-time missionaries face today, and how can churches and individuals better support them?

9. How might we cultivate a passion for mission work within our own lives and inspire others to join in this effort?