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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

16-216-17 JOHN'S CALL AND OUR MINISTRY

1:30 John the Baptist – a model for understanding our life and mission. A teaching to illuminate the mission of the Christian church and Christians themselves.

2:35 Malachi 3:1 A prophetic word – Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.

As Christians we are called to build bridges (prepare the way), that allow others to cross the line into a relationship with God.

5:50 Isaiah 40:3 A Voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

7:15 Luke 1:11-14 Reading and teaching. The angel announces to John's father the coming birth of John.

9:35 Luke 1:15 He will be great before the Lord – contrasted with great before the world. Reference 1 Samuel 16:7. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit. This is Old Testament still. Reference Exodus 31:1-5 Example of others filled with God's Spirit before Pentecost. Reference Numbers 11:25.

13:50 John 1:16 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

Teaching: Can John's life be our model – “great before the Lord, filled with the Spirit, sent from God to bear witness.”

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15:45 Luke 1:16 Teaching on turning the children of Israel to the Lord. As with some Christians; people had the externals of belonging, but they did not have the internals.

17:00 Luke 1:17 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children.. A reconciliation theme. The church needs to reflect a cross section.

21:00 Luke 1:17 He will turn the disobedient to the wisdom of the just. Walking contrary to the purpose of God is always the path to destruction.

...to make ready for the Lord a people prepared. A special ministry and yet one for every one of us – to help people be ready for the presence of the Lord, both now and future.

23:30 Luke 1:67-68 Blessed be the Lord

24:35 Luke 1:76-77 ...for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways...(same as the theme from Malachi 3:1).

....To give the knowledge of salvation to his people.
Teaching – Salvation is Not limited to the salvation of the soul; it is a larger concept than that. It is a restoration to the wholeness that God intended our lives to be. It includes the working of the Holy Spirit in and upon us that we might become what God intended us to be.

...To give light to those who sit in darkness... Short teaching on comparative religions and the distinction of Christianity. Christianity is a relationship.

30:10 Genesis 3:6-10 The first “religious” act. Adam and Eve sewing fig leaves together to cover themselves. A practical definition of religion – Man’s effort to gain the favor of God.

If you do not know the real “light” a little candle may look good to you. Reference John 8:12

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34:05 John 1:6-8 John the Baptist came to bear witness to the light.

34:40 Matthew 11:11among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

36:30 Luke 1:16-17; 76-77; John 8:12; John 1:6-8 Terry reviews the ministry of John and relates it to the church and us personally. Even Christianity remains a religion without the relationship being established.

Every Christian believer should know the elements of the faith well enough as to be able to lead another to a relationship with Jesus and the forgiveness of sin.

Every Christian should bear witness to the light.

42:00 John 3:25-30 John has no jealousy but says He must increase and I must decrease.

Mal. 3:1 “See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

Is. 40:3 A voice of one calling:

“In the desert prepare
the way for the LORD;
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a highway for our God.

Luke 1:11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13 But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. 14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth.

1Sam. 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Ex. 31:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, 2 “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts— 4 to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, 5 to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship.

Num. 11:25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

John 1:16 From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

Luke 1:16 Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God.
17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1:67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

Luke 1:68 “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come and has redeemed his people.

Luke 1:76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,
77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation
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Gen. 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Gen. 3:8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

Gen. 3:10 He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

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light of life.”

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John 3:25 An argument developed between some of John’s disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. 26 They came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—well, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him.”

John 3:27 To this John replied, “A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. 28 You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ but

am sent ahead of him.' 29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. 30 He must become greater; I must become less.