

John 14:16–19 NLT

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- 8) How does the Holy Spirit help us live out our Legacy, and why is important to be regularly reading The Word?
- 9) What do you want your legacy to be? What do you need to start, stop, or shift to make that happen?
- 10) Legacy in many ways is about influence. We all possess influence in some way with the people around us. What circles do you have some type of influence in, and who can you invite to come with you to church?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS



Think and pray about the following questions.

- 1) Read Luke 1-3. What legacies do you see in these chapters?
- 2) Who can you invite to church or for a cup of coffee to share your experience with?
- 3) What is God speaking to you about your legacy?

The Stories That Remain

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Thread: Legacy

“So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.”

Luke 3:18 – 20 ESV

The voice of God speaks to the soul of a nation.

Honest Question: Am I trying to blend two competing sets of values and ideologies?

“One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying...” Luke 3:21 NLT

Why Baptism?

- Jesus submits to baptism because He “IS THE WAY” and He “SHOWS THE WAY” in His humanity.
 - *“Jesus the Son of God...understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”* Hebrews 4:14 – 16 NLT
- Jesus submits to baptism because of His humanity.
 - *“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.”* Philippians 2:5 – 8 NLT
- Baptism at its basic level is an outward sign of a dedicated heart to the Father.

Honest Question: Have you been obedient to follow through in baptism? Have you been obedient to follow Jesus on the way?

“...the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, ‘You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.’ Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry. Jesus was known as the son of Joseph.” Luke 3:21 – 23 NLT

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit

- This gives us clarity about how we understand God, our relationship to Him and His work in our lives.
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Honest Question: Does this sound like a God who is disinterested, who will leave you alone, and wants little to do with you?

What is your legacy?

- Life is in the blood.
- What legacy flows through His veins?

This is what Jesus embodies in His humanity.

Honest Question: WHAT do you pass on TO others who will FOLLOW after you?

Challenge:

- What is my legacy?
- Are competing ideologies destroying my legacy?
- What does God want it to be? How can God use me to set up the next generation?



DEVOTIONALS
& MESSAGE
RESOURCES

Life Group Homework

The Stories That Remain

Spring 2023 | Week 3

Message Date 4/16/2023

MY STORY

- 1) Who is your favorite Disney hero or heroine? Would you trade places with them?
- 2) What fictional family would you be a member of?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday’s message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

Read Luke 3:7-22 NLT

- 4) What is a legacy?

Herod was a Jew and lived under the Jewish law, making this action sinful and law breaking. He also sold out to Rome to retain his position. He was basically doing whatever he could to stay in power.

- 5) What was Herod’s legacy?
- 6) What lessons can we learn from the examples of John the Baptist and Jesus, and how can we apply these lessons to leave a lasting legacy in our own lives and communities?
- 7) Can a person change their legacy, and if so, how?