

UNEXPECTED

DISCUSSION GUIDE

NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ministry Leader Training - January 2021** Saturday, January 16 at 9am. We welcome all of you Community Group Leaders, Bible Study Table Leaders, Youth & Young Adult Leaders! Our Pastors will talk on the current state of the church, our vision, and "Commission Over Constraints". Register online or by emailing Amanda at discipleship@northview.org
- **Pre-Marriage Class** For couples who are seriously dating or engaged we are offering a pre-marriage class this coming February here at Northview's Downes Road Campus. For more details and to register check out our website, northview.org.
- **Employment Opportunity** Northview has an opening in our Discipleship Department for a Women's Ministry Administrative Assistant. For more information, please go to: northview.org/employment

PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

Greg and Becky Ouellette serving with *Multiply*, here in Abbotsford, BC.

Caleb and Raquel Enns serving in Northview's Church Planter Residency as they prepare to church plant in Thailand.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

Local Outreach: **Cyrus Center**

The Cyrus Centre is a local outreach in Abbotsford and Chilliwack that Northview supports; they provide homeless youth, 18 and under, with a temporary, safe place to stay while working toward a long-term solution.

Pray for the youth that come through Cyrus Centre, that they would be safe, they would find a long-term solution and that they would come to saving faith in Jesus.

Pray for the necessary support that the centre needs going into the new year (financially, morally, volunteer-wise, etc).

LOOK

Read Luke 3:1-14

1. What stands out to you from the passage?
2. What do you remember from the sermon?
3. What did you learn from this passage?

LEARN

Read Luke 1:13-17, 76-79

1. What kind of a role is John to play for the people of Israel?
2. How is the content of John's ministry described in Luke 1:76-79?
3. What motivates God to send John?
 - What are other Biblical examples of merciful things God has done?

Read Luke 3:7-9.

4. Does this sound like a message of "tender mercy"? How do the predictions about John's ministry fit with his message?

Read Isaiah 59:1-3

5. What is the problem that sin causes?
 - How do we speak about sin and its effects? Do we talk about how it causes division between us and God? Or do we look at how it affects others? Or how it affects ourselves?

Read Isaiah 59:18-19

6. How does God respond to sin?

Return to Luke 3:1-14

7. In light of the problem of sin, and how God responds to sin, can we now see how John's message is in fact a merciful one?

LIVE

Repentance that leads to saving faith has three qualities: profession, practice, and perseverance.

1. What are some ways you have seen people fall short of saving faith?
2. How should we challenge/encourage those who are stumbling in their profession, practice, or perseverance?
3. Take some time to pray for those in your life who have walked away from the faith, and for your own practice of your faith in particular.