

UNEXPECTED

DISCUSSION GUIDE

NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Seasons** upcoming Livestream event on February 12 at 11am, featuring special guest Carol Peters, a Jazz Gospel Pianist Extraordinaire! Along with Carol, we will also hear the testimony of Johanna Campbell. To access this livestream event go to: northview.org/seniors
- **Volunteer as a Tutor!** Our Punjabi Connection ministry is starting a tutoring program on February 8th. It will run on Mondays from 3-430pm, until June 14th. You do not need to speak Punjabi in order to volunteer. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Nitu at nharry@northview.org.
- **Northview Kids at Home: Ministry Box** Looking for an opportunity to engage with your children AND the Northview Kids TV weekend content? The children's ministry department is offering a ministry box for the month of February. Register online to receive your box at northview.org/kids.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

Aaron and Kim Diaz serving with *Children of Hope*, in Puebla, Mexico.

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

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

Seniors

Pray for Pastor Vic, our pastor to seniors. Pray for our seniors as many of them are isolated from their families and from social gatherings, this can make them feel very alone.

Pray for the families who have lost loved ones during this Covid time.

Pray that the upcoming Seasons event would engage and encourage the seniors in our congregation.

LOOK

Read Luke 3:21-22

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 3:1-3, 7, 15-17

1. (Reminder question from last week) What kind of message/mission did John have leading up to Jesus?

2. What did Jesus do in vv. 21-22?

Based on John's message of repentance that would prepare people for when Jesus arrived, how would you have expected his first meeting with John to have gone? How had John described what Jesus would come to do (Lk. 3:17)? Does this seem like what you would expect his first act of public ministry to be?

3. What was Jesus doing in the midst of this scene (last part of v. 21)?

Remember the other times Luke records Jesus praying (6:12-13; 9:28-29; 22:39-44). It tends to be right before significant moments. What does this teach us about the value of prayer?

What keeps us from praying generally? What keeps you from praying in significant moments? Jeff taught that it is often because we aren't aware of our tremendous need. Is this true of you?

Read Luke 3:22 again

4. How do the words spoken to Jesus sound?

Read Isaiah 42:1

5. What kind of reign will Jesus have based on this passage?

What are popular conceptions of justice today? Are there understandings of justice that Jesus would not be in favour of? Are there conceptions of justice he would affirm and uphold?

Read Luke 3:21-22

6. What do we learn about God in this passage?

Remember the creation of humanity in Genesis, when God said "it is not good for man to be alone". How do we see evidence of that in our world these days?

LIVE

Jesus prayed, rules justly, and serves as the Son of God.

1. How does learning this about Jesus prompt you to pray to him?
2. What areas of the world can we pray for Jesus to bring justice in?
3. How can we help restore aspects of community to people who are suffering from loneliness in this season?