

# Youth



## ✓ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the video's and slides listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

## ✓ Advent

Play the clip from Talladega Nights and use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- What is your opinion of this clip? Is this the way it seems for us when we celebrate Advent or Christmas? Why or why not? Do we put too much emphasis on the baby Jesus in your opinion? Why or why not?
- Is this the way you see Jesus? How do you see Jesus?
- What do you think people were expecting when they first heard that Jesus was coming?

## ✓ Actions

Read Luke 3:7-18 out loud and watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

- How did John describe the coming of Jesus? How is this different from the Christmas Jesus we normally hear about this time of the year?
- What are your thoughts on the instructions John gave each group? Were these universal instructions or instructions to specific groups? Explain. Why were John's instructions about actions rather than beliefs? What do each of these instructions teach us about the way we treat other people?
- Why might many have wrongly questioned if John was the Messiah?

## ✓ Attitude

Play the clip from My Dinner With Andre.

- What parts of their conversation do you relate with? Explain.
- What is our attitude of people around us? Do we normally look after ourselves or others? Explain.
- What happens to us when we become satisfied with who we are and how we relate to the world?

- What is the attitude at your school when it comes to relationships? How are people put down, looked over, or generally avoided? How would John respond to this attitude?
- If John were giving instructions to you, your school, or your youth group about the way you treat other people, what do you think he would say? Why?
- What does the way we treat other people say about our own faith?
- How can we as a group celebrate Advent by the way we treat others around us?

Close in prayer.

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