**TEXT: LUKE CHAPTER 3** 

<u>Directions:</u> - Let the whole chapter be read first time you come together to study this chapter so that everyone could participate fully. Thereafter, the class may then be reading recommended verses as needed when answering the questions. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.

Read the following passage from the Book of Luke and answer the questions that follow. - New International Version (NIV).

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- 1. Let us give a summary of John's message in this chapter.
- 2. Explain this scripture: "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming, who is more powerful than me, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Luke 3:16).

Also, did he mean that the "Holy Spirit" and "fire" are two separate fates, or is he talking about the fire of the Holy Spirit? What do you think?

- 3. Why did John go to prison?
- 4. Why do you suppose Luke included Joseph's family line?

## Answer Key

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- 1.Summarize John's message. You will not be saved simply because you are the children of Abraham. You must repent from your sins and do-good deeds to others.
- 2. Explain this scripture: "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming, who is more powerful than me, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Luke 3:16) Also, did he mean that the "Holy Spirit" and "fire" are two separate fates, or is he talking about the fire of the Holy Spirit? What do you think? Answers will vary. The next line, however, does provide some information: "His winnowing-fan is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." (Luke 3:17)
- 3. Why did John go to prison? He was making Herod uncomfortable. He kept reminding him of his sins.
- 4. Why do you suppose Luke included Joseph's family line? Answers will vary. Perhaps he wanted to show Joseph's connection to David, Abraham, and Adam.