

**Luka 3: 1-6-Njia ya Matumaini**

John alisema ukweli ambao ulijumuisha mifumo ya siku yake. Chini ya utawala wa Kirumi, watu waliamuru kutangaza Kaisari, mtawala wa Roma-kama mungu. Lakini Yohana hakutangaza Kaisari kama Bwana wake. Moyo wa Yohana ulijitolea kwa Mungu, na wito wake ulikuwa kuwaandaa watu kwa Masihi aliyekuja. Yohana alisema juu ya ubatizo na toba kama njia ya kurekebisha maisha ya watu na kufikiri. Kubadili mfumo wa kisiasa wenye nguvu na sheria za kidini nzito sio suluhisho. Kuweka tumaini katika Kristo, na Ufalme wake tayari / lakini-sio bado, ndiyo njia ya "njia njema" katika mioyo yetu na maisha yetu.

Ufalme tunachotumikia si wa ulimwengu. Ni Ufalme ambapo yote yamefanywa sawa. Pamoja sisi hugeuka kutoka kwa njia ambazo zimefanyika kabla, na kumwomba Yesu kutufundisha njia zake za kupanua neema, upendo, na matumaini. Tumeitwa kutubu-kugeuka-kutoka njia yetu ya zamani ya maisha, na kukubali zawadi ya Yesu ya wokovu.

**Matumaini Kama Njia ya Uzima**

Tafuta njia-wiki hii-kujifunza zaidi kuhusu nani Yesu ni nani (kuingia katika Neno la Mungu na mtu mwingine au mbili ni kubwa!), Na kisha ushiriki yale uliyogundua na mtu mwingine.

Mwombe Bwana afunulie wapi unahitaji kufanya "mabadiliko ya navigational", na kisha utii. Kuamua ndani ya moyo wako kumfanya Yesu rahisi kupata katika maisha yako ya kila siku. Omba kwa watu unaowajifunza nao, na pia kwa wale unaowashiriki. Hebu msimu wa Advent kujiandaa mioyo mingi kwa kuja kwake.

Weka maelezo machache kuhusu uzoefu wako na hisia zako.

**Wiki ijayo:** *Jumapili ya 3 ya Advent, Luka 3: 7-18*

**Luke 3:1-6—The Way of Hope**

John spoke a truth that countered the systems of his day. Under Roman rule, people were commanded to declare Caesar, Rome's ruler as god. But John did not declare Caesar as his Lord. John's heart was devoted to God, and his call was to prepare people for the coming Messiah. John spoke of baptism and repentance as the way to re-order people's lives and thinking. Replacing a rigid political system with burdensome religious laws was not the solution. Putting our hope in Christ, and His already/but-not-yet Kingdom is the way to make "straight paths" in our hearts and lives.

The Kingdom we serve is not of the world. It's the Kingdom where all is made right. Together we turn from the way things have been done before, and ask Jesus to teach us His ways to extend grace, love, and hope. We're called to repent—to turn—from our old way of life, and embrace Jesus' gift of salvation.

**Hope As a Way of Life**

Find ways—this week—to learn more about Who Jesus is (getting into God's Word with another person or two is great!), and then share what you've discovered with yet another person.

Ask the Lord to reveal where you need to make a "navigational change", and then obey. Determine in your heart to make Jesus easy-to-find in your day-to-day life. Pray for the people with whom you study, and also for those with whom you share. Let the Season of Advent prepare many hearts for His coming.

Jot down a few notes about your experiences and feelings.

**Next week:** *3rd Sunday of Advent, Luke 3:7-18*

**Desemba 9, 2018**

Jumapili ya pili ya Advent

**MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:**

**Leo:** *Zaburi 138 (Uliza Roho wa Mungu kuongea na wewe.)*

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**Jumatatu:** *Luka 1:5-25, 57-80*

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**Jumanne:** *Mathayo 4:1-6, 28:18-20*

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**Jumatano:** *Mathayo 3:1-12*

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**Alhamisi:** *Isaya 62*

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**Ijumaa:** *Yohana 1:6-34*

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**Jumamosi:** *Marko 1:1-8*

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Ee Mungu Baba yetu, aliyemtuma Mwana wako kuwa Mfalme wa wafalme na Mkuu wa Amani: Ruhusu ufalme wote wa ulimwengu huu utakuwa Ufalme wa Kristo, na kujifunza juu yake njia ya amani. Tuma miongoni mwa watu wote roho ya kibali na upatanisho. Katika Jina la Yesu, Amen.

**December 9, 2018**

Second Sunday of Advent

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Today:** *Psalm 138 (Ask God's Spirit to speak to you.)*

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**Monday:** *Luke 1:5-25, 57-80*

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**Tuesday:** *Matthew 4:1-6, 28:18-20*

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**Wednesday:** *Matthew 3:1-12*

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**Thursday:** *Isaiah 62*

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**Friday:** *John 1:6-34*

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**Saturday:** *Mark 1:1-8*

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O God our Father, Who sent forth Your Son to be King of kings and Prince of Peace: Grant all kingdoms of this world would become the Kingdom of Christ, and learn of Him the way of peace. Send among all people the spirit of goodwill and reconciliation. In the Name of Jesus, Amen.