1. **Luke 7:18-19**

* Does John’s question to the Lord surprise you, please explain?
* **Luke 3:16, Mark 1:-6-8, Matthew 3:1-3, 11, 13-15**
* What had John testified to so far before participating and observing the baptism of Jesus in the **Gospels**?
* **Psalm 2:6-7, Isaiah 42:1-9**
* What is promised in the **Psalm** and **Isaiah** and how were the people to recognize this “king” who is coming into the world?
* **Matthew 3:16-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, John 1:29-34**
* What had John experienced at Jesus’ baptism to signify he definitely was the Christ, which both fulfilled the prophecies found in the **Psalm 2** and **Isaiah 42**?
* What titles does John the Baptist give Jesus?
* What is the age difference between John and Jesus (Hint **Luke 1:34-38**)?
* **Sirach 24:3-9, Proverbs 8:22-26, Colossians 1:15-20, John 1:1-3, 14, 17:4-5, 1:30**
* Considering their age difference, how can John’s testimony be true in **verse 30**?
* Considering all the knowledge John had of Christ and what he witnessed, do you believe John’s question was out of uncertainty, or was it deliberate?
* How many disciples did John send to question Jesus?
* What might these two disciples represent spiritually in the world, if anything?

1. **Luke 7:20-22**

* When John’s disciples asked Jesus his question, how did Jesus prove who he was?
* **Isaiah 35:4-6, 26:19, 61:1**
* Jesus fulfills these promises of **Isaiah**, but reflect specifically on **Isaiah 35:4**, who is **Isaiah** saying is coming to do these things, and what does this say about Jesus Christ?

1. **Luke 7:23**

* Reflect on Jesus’ closing statement to John’s messengers and share what it means to you.
* **St. Ambrose** (339 AD – 397 AD) *Exposition of The Gospel of Luke 5.97-98*

“Therefore, how could it happen that so great a prophet was so mistaken as still not to believe that He of whom he had said ‘Behold him who takes away the sins of the world” is the Son of God? For it is either a sign of impudence to attribute the Divine to him who you do not know or unbelief to have doubted concerning the Son of God. So, suspicion of so serious an error does not fall on such a prophet. Therefore, if the form of simple understanding is contentious, let us seek a **spiritual figure**. And because we said already above that, John is the type of the Law, which was the foreteller for **Christ**, the **Law**, which was held **confined in the hearts of unbelievers** as if in **prisons devoid of Eternal Light**, which the fruitful bowels of punishment and the doors of malice restrained, the Law rightly cannot achieve an outcome full of evident of the Divine dispensation without the assent of the Gospel.

Indeed, the Law in Exodus prophesied the **grace of Baptism** through the cloud and the sea, it foretold the **spiritual food** in the lamb, it described the **eternal spring** in the rock, it revealed the **forgiveness** of sin in Leviticus, it proclaimed the **Kingdom of Heaven** in the Psalms, it most clearly declared the **promised land** in Josue, the son of Nave, all these things also agree with the testimony of John. **Yet it is held enclosed by the tyrannical powers of this world, lest it spread the light of the Lord’s resurrection.** Therefore, John sent his disciples to Christ to **obtain the filling up of knowledge**, because **Christ is the fulness of the Law**, so that, since things spoken without actions waver, and faith which then tottered in the hearts of the Jews as if locked by **the Law is shown more fully in the testimony of deeds**, rather than the promises of words, it is **unfolded in the very sight of the Lord’s cross** and the **full proof of the resurrection**. And perhaps, those **disciples** are **Two Peoples**, one of whom, from the **Jews**, believed, the other from the **Gentiles**, believed because it heard. Thus, they wished to see, because ‘blessed are your eyes, which see, and your ears, which hear’. But we, too, **saw through John**, we perceived with our **eyes through the Apostles**, and we examined with our hands **through Thomas’ fingers**.”

* Please share something meaningful that stood out for you today in this study.