

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: There are no perfect people.

(This series of lessons is based on the book
"No Perfect People Allowed" by John Burke.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Luke 3:1-22

Matthew 23

Ephesians 3:7-21

Galatians 6:1-5

1 John 5:1-11

James 5:16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What messages did you receive from your family when you were growing up? Were they encouraging? Were they hurtful?

Luke 3

Why did people go out to the river to hear John the Baptist?

What was his message?

Why are we so likely to pretend about who we really are?

What does the word authenticity mean to you? What does it mean to be authentic?

Matthew 23:23–26.

Why do you think authenticity is so important to God?

Ephesians 3:14–19

How can a new family help us discover the truth about how much God loves us?

What could you do to become more authentic with others?

What will you need to risk?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His holiness.

Agree with God about the things
you are trying to hide from Him and from others.

Thank God for the people
who have let you see inside of them.

Ask God to show you how to create & encourage
a culture of authenticity.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ LUKE 1:5-17 & 76-80

What name was given to the baby?

What was going to be special about him?

Look up your name in either a dictionary
or on the net to find out what it means.

What does "John" mean?

READ MATTHEW CHAPTER 3

What did John wear?

What did he eat?

Did John "sugar coat" what he said

to try and make people like him?

Was John humble?

What special thing did John get to see
after Jesus' baptism?

Using each other's clothes,
who can come up with the weirdest outfit?

Who is brave enough to wear it in public?

READ MATTHEW 11:2-15

Is John sure about who Jesus is?

How does Jesus answer John's question?

What does Jesus say about John?

Make a list of the questions you have
about Jesus and the Bible.

READ MARK 6:14-29

Why did John end up in jail?

Why was Herod afraid to kill John?

Why did Herod finally kill John?

Make a list of qualities that John had.

How are you like him?

MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus _____ them,

"It is not the _____ who need a _____, but the _____.

I have not _____ to call the righteous,

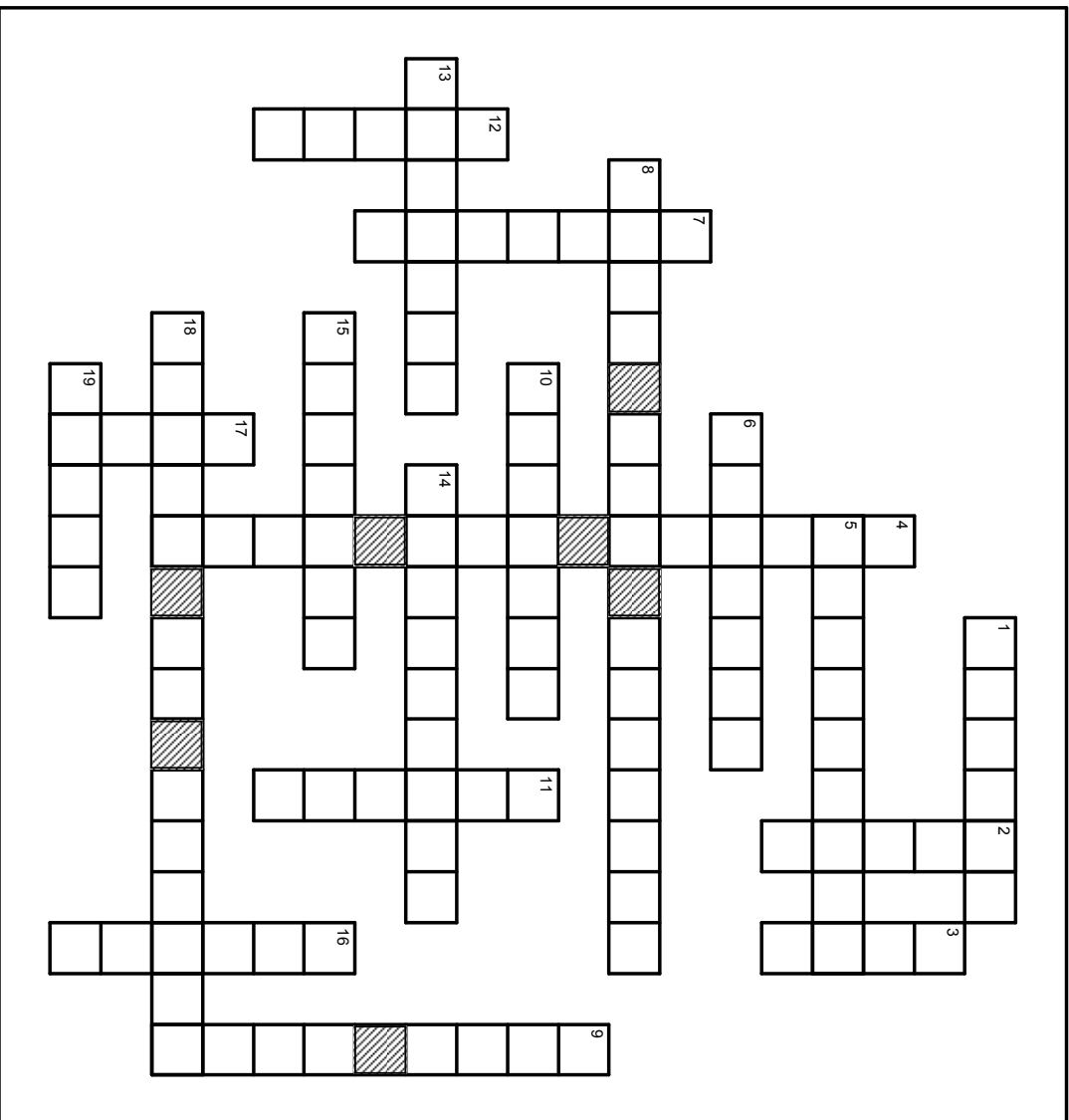
but _____ to repentance."

Luke 5:31-32

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John Tells People to Repent



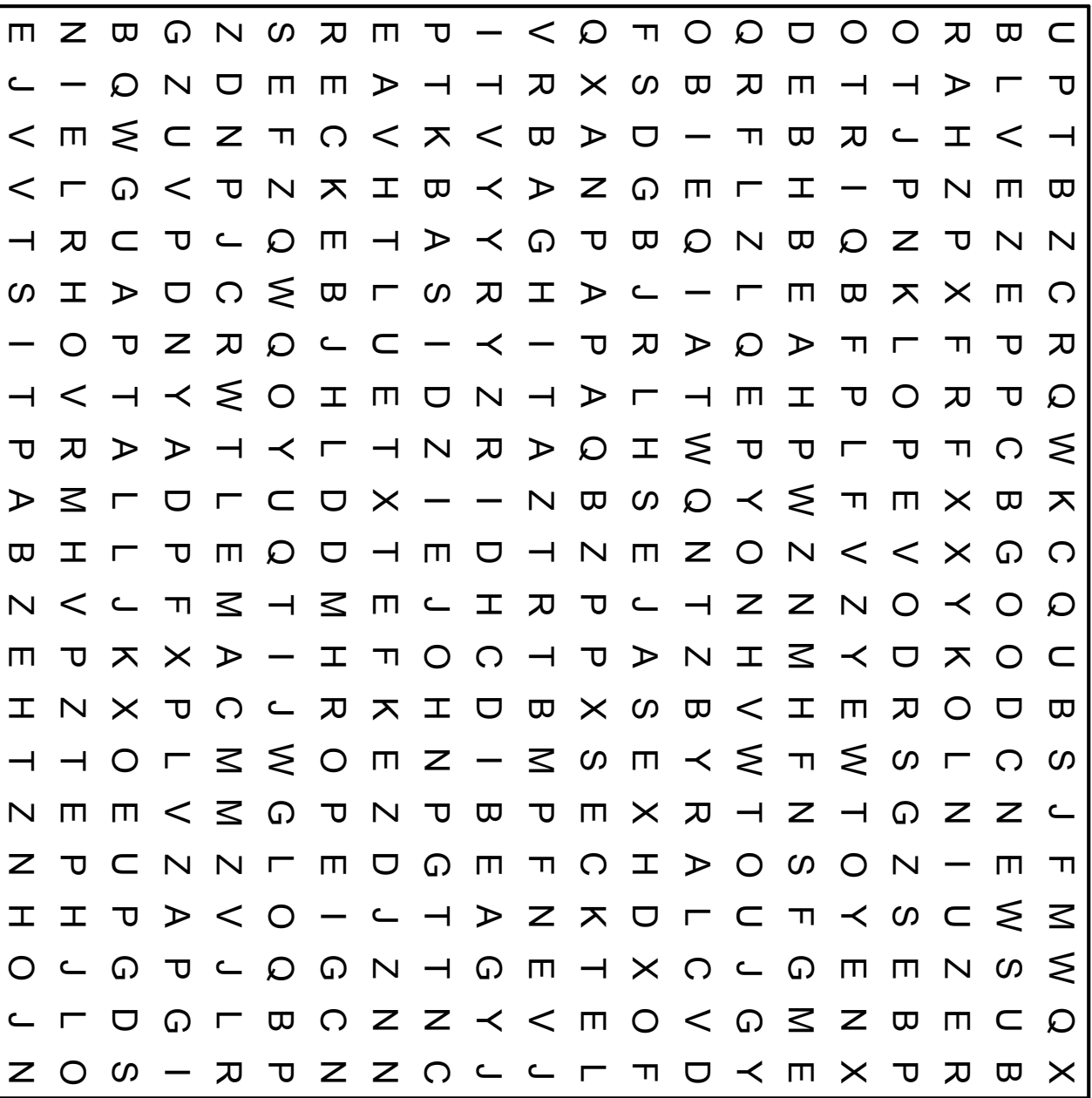
Across

1. John filled this role of who was to come (Matthew 11:14)
5. John's mother (Luke 1:5)
6. what John would be called (Luke 1:76)
8. his long name (Matthew 3:1)
10. John's head ended up on one (Mark 6:25)
13. what John did (Matthew 3:11)
14. John's father (Luke 1:5)
15. how Herod felt about John (Mark 6:20)
18. what John called the Pharisees & Saducees (Matthew 3:7)
19. the king who had John killed (Mark 6:16)

Down

2. he announced John's birth (Luke 1:11)
3. the baby's name (Luke 1:13)
4. where John would go (Luke 1:17)
7. bugs that John ate (Matthew 3:4)
9. what Jesus preached to the poor (Matthew 11:5)
11. where John was (Matthew 11:2)
12. animal John got his clothes from (Matthew 3:4)
16. John's message (Matthew 3:2)
17. it landed on Jesus (Matthew 3:16)

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puzzled

platter

Herod

camel

locusts

brood of vipers

John the baptist

baptize

repent

dove

Elizabeth

before the Lord

angel

John

prophet

Zechariah

prison

good news

Elijah