

WEEK 5

**Grace to fill every valley, bring low every mountain and hill,
make the crooked straight, and make the rough ways smooth**

Read Luke 3:1-6

Q1) What was John the Baptist's ministry? (v3)

Q2) If 'mountains' and 'valleys' and 'crookedness' and 'rough ways' all speak of some form of sin that the Lord will deal with in our lives, what do you think these things might represent?

Q3) Share one example from your own experience of a mountain, valley, crookedness or rough way the Lord has dealt with or is dealing with in your life.

Q4) Read Galatians 5:5. What do you think Paul is saying here about our sin problems (mountains, valleys etc)?

Read Galatians 5:4 How is this then different from seeking to be changed and made right by keeping the law (Read also Leviticus 18:5)?

Q5) Read Luke 3: 6 again. So how do you think 'all people' are meant see the salvation of God?
Clue: In the previous verse where is this transformation happening?

WEEK 6

Grace for the humble (James 4:6)

Q1) Read James 4:6 and Ephesians 5:5. What are some things that will stop the flow of grace to transform us?

Q2) Read Romans 8:13. What's the difference between walking after the flesh and struggling with the flesh?

What do you think Paul means by 'through the Spirit mortify...'?

Q3) If you have time read Judges 13:25 – 16:31 about the life of the Lord's servant Sampson.

What does it mean that Sampson 'judged' Israel (Judges 15:20)?

What did Sampson struggle with? (Judges 16:1, 16:4)

What eventually happened to Sampson? (Judges 16:20-21). What did he lose?

Why did the Lord allow him to go so long before he brought things to an end? Consider Luke 9:55-56

But what happened in the end? (Judges 16:28-30).

How does the prophecy of Gad relate to Sampson and us? (Genesis 49:19)