



Discussion Questions Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Sermon Series: Symbols of the Spirit  
'He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire'  
Luke 3:7-18

- What are your reactions to the word 'fire'? Both positive and negative – some may have had very frightening experiences and may need this to be addressed carefully.
- Read Luke 3:7-18 – what are your initial impressions? What strikes you? Which parts are the most difficult to understand? Which parts are most challenging?
- Luke refers to Isaiah 40, read Isaiah 40:3-5, consider the context that Isaiah was speaking into, and how Luke applies this. Why does he use this scripture?
- What did the baptism in water that John offered symbolise?
- When you hear of 'baptism in the Holy Spirit' what do you think of?
- John says in verse 15, referring to Jesus, that 'he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire'. How did Jesus do this? Does he do it today?
- John told those coming to see him not to say 'We have Abraham as our father'. What was his warning? How might we apply that?
- John challenged those who came for baptism to change what they did, to 'balance their beliefs with their behaviour'. How might this challenge us today?
- John felt unworthy even to untie the straps of Jesus' sandals. What might be the equivalent for us today? In what ways might you be too 'free and easy' with Jesus? How low will you go for him?
- Think of God and fire. How might this help you to see a bigger picture of God?
- Pray for one another – perhaps to receive more of the Holy Spirit

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