

Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ²⁵ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. ²⁶ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.'

²⁹ All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptised by John. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptised by John.

Look the surface. 7:24-27

I am more than my
Don't discriminate between rich / poor. Jas.2:3

I am more than my
A king's advice. 1 Kings 2:3, 1 Kings 3:5-15.

I am more than my
Our purpose: To make...

Look the spiritual. 7:28

God prepared me for this
You made me. Psalm 139:13-16

God prepared me through those
A great cloud of witnesses. Hebrews 12:1-2

God prepared me for what lies
"...us ...us ...our" Hebrews 12:1-2

Live the superficial. 7:29-30

Step forward - beyond
He who has ears to hear... Matt.11:15

Step forward - beyond
To be more noble... Acts 17:11

Step forward - into
Good soil... Mark 4:20

I am... a sheep, soldier, stone, steward, student,
salt, saint, significant, secure, and so much more

This week's song selection

Our God is an awesome God | All I wanna do is praise Your name | I've got an old church choir | Item: It's a good thing to give thanks | Thank You Lord for giving Yourself | Have faith in God | My faith has found a resting place | I walk by faith

For personal reflection, or group study.

1. When did you first encounter Alice in Wonderland?
2. Explain the Tim Keller statement, 'I am going to judge my circumstances by Jesus' love, not judge Jesus' love by my circumstances.'
3. How can I develop an attitude where my circumstances, and the opinions of others, are less important to me?
4. Read Psalm 139:13-18. God foresaw you in this time and place. What do you appreciate about living here and now?
5. Read Luke 7:29. What are some connections between: Jesus' words; God's way; and baptism?
6. Look at the 's' words at the end of the sermon notes. Which one is most encouraging for you at the moment?

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