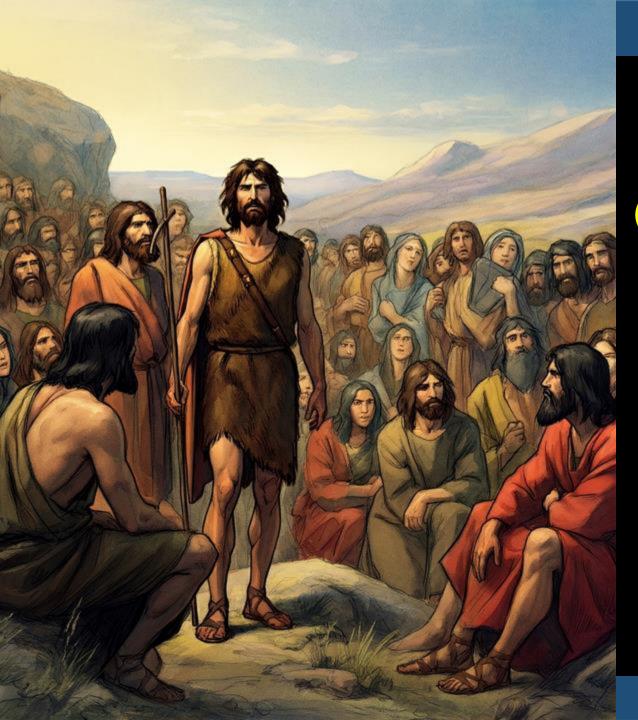
### **Advent 3: What Should We Do?**

Luke 3:7-18

# What should we do?



### The Crowds

(The Pharisees and Sadducees)

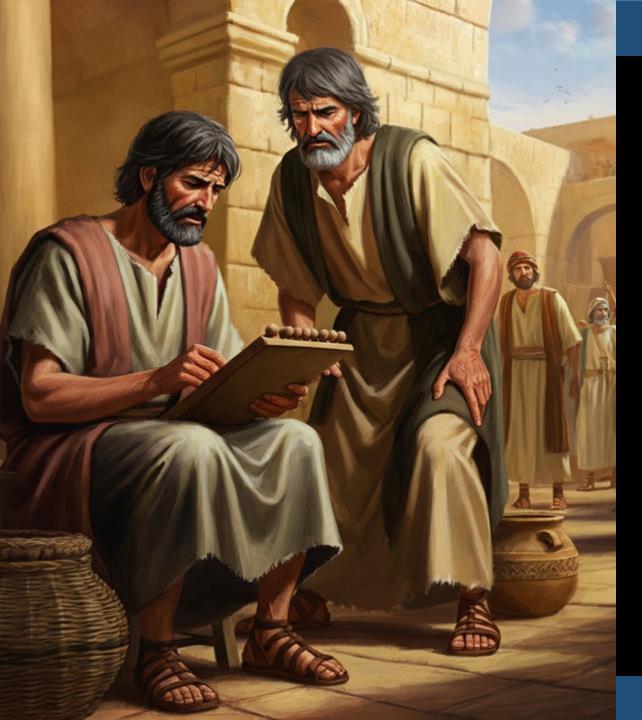
"What should we do then?" the crowd asked.

- John 3:10

And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." - Luke 3:11

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." - Matthew 22:37

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#### **The Tax-Collectors**

Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" - Luke 3:12

# And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." – Luke 3:13



### The Soldiers

Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" - Luke 3:14a

And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." - Luke 3:14b

We live in a materially driven society. This is evident right from when children are of school-going age... it is a veritable rat race to what is hoped will be the top of the (material) ladder, with the accompanying mantra of "survival of the fittest".

However, the key premise underlying the notion of "success"... is that of material success. What appears to have been neglected is success in the non-material sense – a life that is based on values such as happiness, integrity and honesty, as well as service and sacrifice... without them, life as we know it becomes an empty and, frankly, arduous or even torturous experience on a perpetual treadmill until this physical life is over. Indeed, this type of success is, in my view, a failure... - Andrew Phang

# What should we do?

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