

**Sermon Notes – September 20, 2015**  
**“Starting Over”**  
**Luke 3:1-20, John 1:6-9, 19-34, 3:21-36**  
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**How would you characterize John the Baptist’s role and message in Luke’s Gospel?**

- In John’s Gospel?

**What does “good fruit” (Luke 3:9) look like specifically in verses 10-14?**

- How does what Jesus says in these lines relate to the primary Christian vocation of loving God and loving others?

**Besides turning from obvious sin, what might be some other ways in which loving God and others more fully requires us to change?**

**Note who John the Baptist claims Jesus to be in the passages from John’s Gospel (see especially verses 1:9 and 1:29).**

- Consider how dwelling on who Jesus is makes changing more in the direction of following him both desirable and possible.