**Speaking Truth to Power**

John the Baptist and the call to repent

**Read:** Luke 3:1-3; 15-20.

Has there been a time when you have had to speak truth to power? If so, what happened?

John was born in a time when corruption had reached its peak, his vocation was to preach, calling people to repent and be baptised. Why is repentance and baptism important? How do they link together? Perhaps some might like to share an significant time when they repented and or were baptised?

John spoke with urgency, how can we be persistent in spreading the Good News?

John knew that one more powerful than him was coming, one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. Why is Jesus the Great High Priest? (Hebrew 4:14-16) How does the Spirit enable us to fulfil the Great Commission, speaking truth to power? (Matthew 28:18-20)

John was brave, true, and loyal in his faith, speaking truth to Herod. Where do you think the Church is being called to speak truth to power today?

**Pray:** spend time praying for those in the group, as the Spirit leads, knowing that God’s love is transforming and drawing us ever closer to him.