

Expecting
Part 5 – “Great Expectations”
December 18, 2022

We think that [greatness](#) = being [great AT](#).

Luke 7:28a

I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John...

Luke 1:13-15, 17

But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord... And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1:76-77, 80

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins... And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

Luke 3:15-16

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Being [great at](#) becomes [greatness](#) when we point people to [Jesus](#).

Luke 7:28b

...yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

Group Questions:

1. When have you chased being great AT something? What did it cost you?
2. How can you point people to Jesus in your own life?
3. What can you do to make Christmas great this year?