

## Bible Character series of readings – week 16

### 14<sup>th</sup> February – John the Baptist

**Monday: Luke 1:11-22. Chosen in birth:** John's life and ministry is outlined in verses 14-17. Which phrase or description would you most like to be evident in your life? Pray that it might become more true for you!

**Tuesday: Matthew 3:1-12. Obedient in heart:** John lived by the scriptures and had a sense of destiny. Pray that the word of God may produce a similar certainty in your life.

**Wednesday: Mark 1:1-8. Powerful in preaching:** John's message was not what we might expect, as he pointed people to Jesus as the one who baptises people in the Holy Spirit. Have you experienced Jesus in this way?

**Thursday: John 1:19-34. Humble in spirit:** John knew the purpose that God had called him for – to point people to Jesus (v 31). Are you pointing people to Christ as clearly as John did?

**Friday: Luke 7:18-28. Human in adversity:** John struggled with doubt about Jesus here, but that didn't alter the Lord's assessment of him: John was the last and greatest Old Testament prophet. Don't mistake your doubts and struggles with God's view of you – they are not the same!