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Discipleship 101 in Turbulent Times: Part 1– “Look to the Lamb”

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Our Mission: Develop fully committed followers of Christ

Seventh-day Adventists have been called and _____ by God to help prepare people to successfully navigate earth’s turbulent waters predicted by Jesus prior to His return.

John the Baptist was God’s “advance team” divinely appointed to prepare for Jesus’ first coming.

❖**John 1:19-23, 29-31, 35-37**

“In this age, just prior to the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven, such a work as that of John [the Baptist] is to be done. God calls for men who will prepare a people to stand in the great day of the Lord. . . . In order to give such a message as John gave, we must have a spiritual experience like his. The same work must be wrought in us. We must behold God, and in beholding Him lose sight of self.” 8T 332, 333 (1904)

❖**Luke 1:11-17**

“He [John the Baptist] was a representative of those living in the last days, to whom God has entrusted sacred truths to present before the people, to prepare the way for the second appearing of Christ. And the same principles of temperance which John practiced should be observed by those who in our day are to warn the world of the coming of the Son of man.”

Temperance, p. 91

❖**John 3:27-30**

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Key Idea: Modern day disciples are called, like John the Baptist, to be Jesus' advance team that says, "Look, the Lamb of God, follow Him" as we prepare people to meet and live with Jesus for eternity.

Take away lessons:

1. John the Baptist is a _____ of end-times disciples and disciple makers.
2. We must continuously _____ through all the turbulence to Jesus who is the Lamb.
3. It’s all about Jesus! He must increase and we must _____.
3. Because of our unique calling and mission, like John, we are called to live a _____ life style free of mission-hindering, harmful substances.
4. We may well face times of _____ and wonder if the mission is worth it.
5. There is an _____ about our prophetic mission.
6. Because of what Jesus has done for us and is to us, we must prepare to sacrifice _____ for the mission of preparing ourselves and others to be fully devoted followers of Christ who are ready for Jesus at his return.

My commitment:

_____ I choose (again) to look to the Lamb of God for my salvation and strength. I declare (again) my allegiance to Him.

_____ I choose (again) to invite the Holy Spirit to dwell in me; to outfit me with all I need to be prepared and to help prepare others to navigate the turbulent waters leading to the glorious return of Jesus.

_____ I purpose to take seriously my own preparation and the preparation of others for the soon return of Jesus.