



STRANGER THINGS

Episode Ten
Great Expectations

welcome to long beach alliance church
november 13, 2016

Stunning • Historic • Unexpected

Now What?

"Take Solomon's counsel.

In a world where everything solid melts into vapor,

"there is nothing better than to eat, drink and be merry."

Eat and drink at the Lord's table.

Singing puts the election in its proper, subordinate place. When the world

is crooked, we call the Judge to straighten it out. Ruled by fools or

thugs, we lift the high King on our praises so He will scatter our enemies.

Under pressures and threats, we sing to steel ourselves for martyrdom.

Sing Psalms.

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Eat and drink at the Lord's table.

At the Lord's table, we consume the Crucified to share His cross.

We proclaim the Lord's triumphant death to powers and principalities.

We feast in defiant joy because our Good Shepherd prepares a table in the midst of enemies."

~ Peter Leithart

President of the Theopolis Institute for Biblical, Liturgical, & Cultural Studies

10 ways to serve with your growth group this holiday season!!

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LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Budget	Required	Received	Budget %
Weekly:	\$12,236.37	\$10,212.12	83.5%
Month-to-Date:	\$12,236.37	\$10,212.12	83.5%
Year-to-Date:	\$122,363.70	\$109,527.13	89.5%
Disbursed YTD:	\$102,036.96	GOF Balance:	\$8,111.01

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, November 13

- 9:00AM Worship Celebration 1
- 10:00AM Mind the Gap (Courtyard)
- 10:45AM Foundations Adult Class
- 10:45AM Foundations Youth Meeting
- 10:45AM Worship Celebration 2
- 12:00PM Deacon Meeting
- 6:00PM Perspectives

Monday, November 14

- 7:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous

Tuesday, November 15

- 7:00PM Governing Board Meeting
- 7:00PM High School Youth Group

Wednesday, November 16

- 6:30PM AWANA

Thursday, November 17

- France Missions Trip Departure
- 5:00PM Lydia House Women's Outreach
- 7:00PM Junior High Youth Group
- 7:00PM Women's SALT Meeting

Friday, November 18

- 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, November 19

- 6:00PM AWANA YM Event

Sunday, November 20

- 9:00AM Worship Celebration 1
- 10:00AM Mind the Gap (Courtyard)
- 10:45AM Foundations Adult Class
- 10:45AM Foundations Youth Meeting
- 10:45AM Worship Celebration 2
- 6:00PM Perspectives

MISSIONS

<http://www.lbac.org/missions>

Join us for Perspectives & Serving the World!

GROWTH GROUPS

<http://www.lbac.org/gg>

Mid-week Bible Studies for all Adults

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/children>

Sunday Mornings

Gospel Project @ 9:00AM & 10:45AM

AWANA

<http://www.lbac.org/awana>

Wednesdays in September 6:30PM-8:30PM

YOUTH MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/youth>

JH & HS Foundations ~ Sundays @ 10:45AM

HS Core Groups ~ Tuesdays @ 7:00PM

JH Core Groups ~ Thursdays @ 7:00PM

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/women>

Woman To Woman Mentoring

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Lydia House Meals Ministry

Contact: robbi@apabrandu.com

Women Connecting with Missions

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Crafty Women

2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/men>

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Long Beach Alliance Church • November 13, 2016 • Elder Vince Palacios

**Rend your heart
and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.**

Joel 2:13

I. Verse 15 Now while the people were in a state of expectation...

A. Who was filled with expectation?

1. Priests and leaders (John 1:19-25)

2. The crowd (Luke 3:10)

3. Tax collectors (Luke 3:12)

4. Solders (Luke 3:14)

B. Why were they in a state of expectation?

1. 400 years of silence

***2. The people recognized the spiritual bankruptcy of the religious leaders.
(Matthew 7:29)***

3. The powerful message of John (Luke 1:15 filled with Holy Spirit)

C. What were they expecting?

Was he (John) the Christ, the Messiah, the One to deliver Israel? (Luke 3:15b)

II. John clarifies (Luke 3:16,17)

A. John's baptism

B. Jesus' baptism

III. What are you expecting?

Growth Group Guide Week 10 • Luke 3:10-22

Stranger Things: Great Expectations

Ice Breaker

- What are your family's Thanksgiving traditions?

In-Depth

Read Luke 3:10-22

Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon.

1. Read Joel 2:12-13. How is the message of the prophet Joel similar to the message of the prophet John?
 - A. During John's ministry: John 3:22-30
 - B. John in prison: Matthew 11:1-6
 - C. John's death: Mark 6:14-29
2. Verses 18-20. This is the last we hear of John the Baptist in the Gospel of Luke. So let's look at the rest of the story:
 - A. During John's ministry: John 3:22-30
 - B. John in prison: Matthew 11:1-6
 - C. John's death: Mark 6:14-29

Looking at his whole life, would you say John fully accomplished his purpose? (see John 1:40-42; Acts 19:1-7)

3. Verses 21-22. These verses may be the best representation of the Trinity in scripture, with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all interacting. The Trinity is one of the hardest concepts in Christian theology to understand and is often misrepresented. Read the following and attempt an explanation of Trinity:

A. Deuteronomy 4:39; Isaiah 43:10

There is _____ God.

B. John 14:15-17; John 15:26; John 16:13-15; Acts 13:2

Father, Son and Holy Spirit are _____ persons.

C. 1 Peter 1:3; Romans 9:5; Acts 5:3-4

Each of the three is _____.

Pull it all together into a single explanation:

Making It Relevant

1. In what ways is a correct understanding of the Trinity important?
2. What is the one thing you most want to change in your spiritual walk based on the past 10 weeks of Growth Group studies?