Dist. II Assembly Key '73

Lk. 3:1 ff.

Intro. 1. Thank you for invitation & share.
2. Enjoy Fellowship. (often planned & prayed for at)
3. Assignment: Key '73.
4. Pre-suppose:
a. Interest and step in some form.
b. Matter of support to ch. mission.
c. Beset with difficulties - such as, caricatures, wrong endeavor.
(when something dear to ch. violated, can abandon or re-image)
5. Bible Study area - Zh. acts. Read Luke 3:1 ff.

I The Present Situation.
1. Launch prog. in post-Ch. era.
a. Ch. shape of life styles, structures of society, climate no more.
b. Else Wendel friend: Jesus not religion. Jesus became it in land, water, air, history. No more.
c. young woman - Don't go to ch - all so long ago.
d. Cannot suppose know Bible, Ch. hist., what believe
e. Holland school air raid - Warm about what not remembered.
f. while in Germany - who is Abe Lincoln?
2. Into vacuum rush quest for new spirituality.
a. Psychedelic.
b. Transcend meditation.
c. Ch. enthusiasm.

II But the Word for us is Not Haste or Artificial but Purpose.
1. Cannot peddle enthusiasm.
a. Cheap epidemics, not that, no struggle.
b. Rain in Bethesmere.
(Time joy - Hours beyond + with help of others, rebuilding)
c. No place for evangelistic bragging out of this.
d. No response to interest in soul is no known as one, name, family, job, hopes, pains.
2. Of course, must expect of God sudden and D convincing.

a. Ask no dreams, no prophetic ecstacy. We do.
b. Overwhelm. Pagan. No risk. No courage. Hard to believe what not everyone believes.
c. But Biblically, sudden in judgment; the long-awaited in salvation.

3. So let us enter Phase One: Prepare.
a. The Christ did not suddenly appear.
b. 1st anticipation.
The promise - the hope - expectation.
anticip. ingredient to the next.
Not forward but forward to something.
c. 2nd Repentance.
John came to prepare them specifically
Do you really want it?
Turn from false easy hopes. Turn here
{ failure + flagellation; no
excuses, whining. Honest.
Not just soul tinkering. Indulging
spirit is still indulgence.
Note Luke 3 - John's word to those
who came.
d. 3rd Struggle with task.
Jesus and Temptation.
Bread, Politics, Miracle.
Then into Gal
Do we think we can meet one p.m.
and plan Key '73 - No meet,
argument, indecision, re-groups.
study people, resources, purposes.
Men in Penn. Blvd
come to church
depression.
e. 4th Share with others
Jesus came into Gal - chose helpers.
Basic to nature of what we do.
When will we learn what popular
writers long known?
"then there was you".

Concl: 1. Ch. in Kansas: "Would you come for a week next Spring and put on Key '73 for our ch.?
2. Prepare to be his ministers, to do his will, to have some Good News.
3. Rabbis: Messiah not come till we do not need him. Some truth in it.