

Message Notes: Joining Jesus - through Baptism

Mark 1:4-11

1. Was John the baptist a
 - a. Reed swayed in the wind?
 - b. A man dressed in fine clothes?
 - c. A prophet
2. In your own words, how would you describe repentance?
3. John made sure no one mistook him as the Savior. Which task did John say he wasn't even worthy of doing for the Savior to come? Why was that such a vivid statement?
4. Why didn't Jesus need to be baptized?
5. The sinless Son of God received the baptism meant for sinners because he would be the sin-bearer. Like he did his entire life, Jesus stood in the place of _____.
6. How long does your baptism last?
7. What causes us to be totally at fault and helpless when it comes to earning eternal life?
8. Why is your baptism so effective?

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GETTING STARTED

Who is the wildest preacher you have ever heard? How did you respond to their message?

INTO MY HEART

What were some thoughts from the text / message that stuck with you this week?

Read Mark 1:2-3 (These verses come from Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3). How does John the Baptist fit these prophecies? Why is John so important to the story of Jesus?

When has repentance been especially important in your life?

Have you ever been in a position where you were completely stuck and needed help?

Is baptism often on your mind or does it rarely cross your thoughts?

How can your baptism give you confidence when you feel stuck in a specific sin?

As Jesus came out of the water after being baptized, what did God's voice say to him? Because of Jesus what will God say to you when it's time for you to enter heaven?

CLOSING PRAYER