

Sermon-Based Discussion

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Mark 1:1-11

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.^a

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,^b

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way.

³the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare^c the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.’”

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son;^d with you I am well pleased.”

Group Discussion & Life Challenge

Use these notes as discussion prompts for your group, or in your personal time with God.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight

1. What was the last good news that you heard? Share it with your group, and why was it good news?
2. When was the last time you heard someone share the gospel? Can you share a time when you have shared it with someone? Was it exciting, easy, hard?
3. What are the essential points of the gospel of Jesus Christ? Refer to the sermon handout.
4. What does pastor Bryce mean when he says "be a neon flashing sign pointing to Jesus"?
5. What is your next step to being someone who prepares the way for the Lord? Where do you need to start?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS