

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Matthew 3:1-17

Session Summary

In the Book of Matthew, John the Baptist was introduced as the forerunner to the Messiah, who constantly insisted that he was not the Messiah. John was the messenger who prepared the way for Jesus, and John's message was one of repentance. John's sermon eventually shifted to the future and to Jesus. John baptized with water and Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. At the baptism of Jesus we see a complete confirmation of His identity. John the Baptist, the first prophet Israel has had in more than four hundred years, confirmed that this is the Christ!

Conversation Questions

- Even though we aren't prophets, how do we proclaim Jesus as the Messiah to those around us?
- What is an example of true repentance that we have seen or experienced personally?
- Are there things in our lives that we need to repent from? What would that look like?
- Why is it important for believers to follow Jesus' example of baptism?

Family Challenge

Complete the following activity as a family and discuss what repentance looks like when we turn from our sin and start living out the righteousness of God. In the lists below, write out five things to go under each category.

Unrepentant Sin

Examples: Lying; Hating Someone

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Repentant from Sin

Examples: Speaking Truth; Loving Others

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.