

MATTHEW

# THE KING

THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

## THE KING'S BAPTISM May 22, 2022

*"And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'"*  
Matthew 3:17 NIV

### WEEKLY SERMON REFLECTION

- ◆ How did the sermon based on Matthew 3:1-17 – The King's Baptism – speak to you personally?
- ◆ Why is that important to you?
- ◆ What part of this truth is the biggest challenge?

### START THINKING

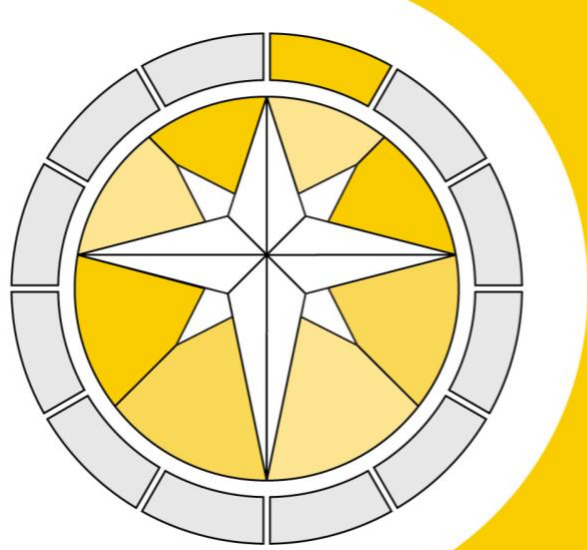
- ◆ Have you spent time in the wilderness? What was that like?
- ◆ Think back to your baptism and share why that day was important and exciting to you. If you haven't been baptized, consider getting baptized on June 26.

### HEAD

Read Matthew 3:1-12

- ◆ What does the word "repent" mean? Where else in the New Testament is this word used?
- ◆ In verse 8, John says, "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance." What do you think John the Baptist had in mind with this statement?
- ◆ Why do you think people would go to the desert (out of their way) to hear John preach (vs. 7)? Why do you think Matthew describes John's appearance?
- ◆ What do you think it means that John was preparing "the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."? Are we supposed to prepare the way for the Lord today? How?





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- ◆ What is the difference between confession and repentance?

Read Matthew 3:13-17

- ◆ Why do you think Jesus' statement in verse 15 made John consent to baptize Jesus?
- ◆ Why did Jesus submit himself to this baptism of repentance? How does this set an example of obedience for us?
- ◆ Why are the events of verses 16 & 17 important? What do these events declare about Jesus' identity?

## HEART

- ◆ Who has been a John the Baptist in your life? How did they prepare for you to meet Jesus?
- ◆ Is repentance a daily, weekly, or monthly part of your life? Is repentance a difficult piece of your life? How do you react to the idea of repentance?
- ◆ Why is repentance so tied to the heart? Give an example from your life.
- ◆ Scripture tells us that as believers we are in Christ. Read Colossians 3:3 and Matthew 3:17. What do these texts and your baptism declare about your identity? Why is this important to remember and how does it make you feel?
- ◆ Define the term "consumer Christianity"? What are the similarities between consumer Christianity and the religious leaders who went to see John preach?

## ACTION

- ◆ Share one application from the sermon that you need to act on.
- ◆ If you haven't been baptized, share that with your group and get baptized on June 26.
- ◆ What step in your spiritual growth do you need to take by making repentance a part of your daily life?

Life Group Discussion Guide

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